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Dutch fear influx of AIDS victims

Margaret Griffioen

AMSTERDAM, Neth. (from the *New York Times* Service) — Dr. Sven Danner, a respected physician here, confirmed two weeks ago that people with AIDS had been put to death by physicians at the patients' request. He estimated that recently, up to 10 AIDS patients had received lethal doses in their homes.

"The doctor has since been silent, amid reports that the highest circles of the government have acted quickly to prevent any exploitation of the Dutch reputation for liberal social policies by people with AIDS seeking easy access to mercy killing," according to the NYT Service report.

The Netherlands reportedly has about 5,000 cases of voluntary euthanasia each year. "Medical and government officials say there is no evidence that people with AIDS in other countries have been coming to The Netherlands to take advantage of the openly tolerant attitude toward euthanasia, and they want to make sure the country does not develop a world-wide reputation as an AIDS hospice."

Government and medical officials, concerned about the country's image, are emphasizing that people with AIDS are most often being offered passive methods of hastening death, by reducing normal emergency and intensive-care procedures, says Janherman Veenker, chief AIDS educator for the Dutch Organization of Lesbians and Gays. The organization reports that the practice is limited.

"'The question of euthanasia will arise more and more among AIDS patients because of the terrible nature of that disease,'" said Jan ten Brink, executive president of Academic Medical Centre, in the NYT Service report. "'They will get desperate and frightened.'"

According to the report, ten Brink "estimated that only three AIDS patients in the past two years had undergone euthanasia in the 1,000-bed hospital, although there are daily questions from the 16-bed AIDS ward and from outside the hospital.

"He stressed that physicians in The Netherlands are more candid than in other nations about the reality of voluntary euthanasia, but the existing policy is far from lenient and is stringently enforced by the Public Prosecutor."

Photo: Euthanasia en pastoraat

The practice of euthanasia in The Netherlands is not without controversy — not only about the AIDS situation, but also in regards to Christian principles. Last year Reformed churches in The Netherlands released the above report which stated approval of the practice, provided exact circumstances under which euthanasia could be granted were spelled out. Calvinist Contact took issue with the report (Apr. 11, 1986) saying that "God is the giver of life and that only He can decide when to take back that gift."

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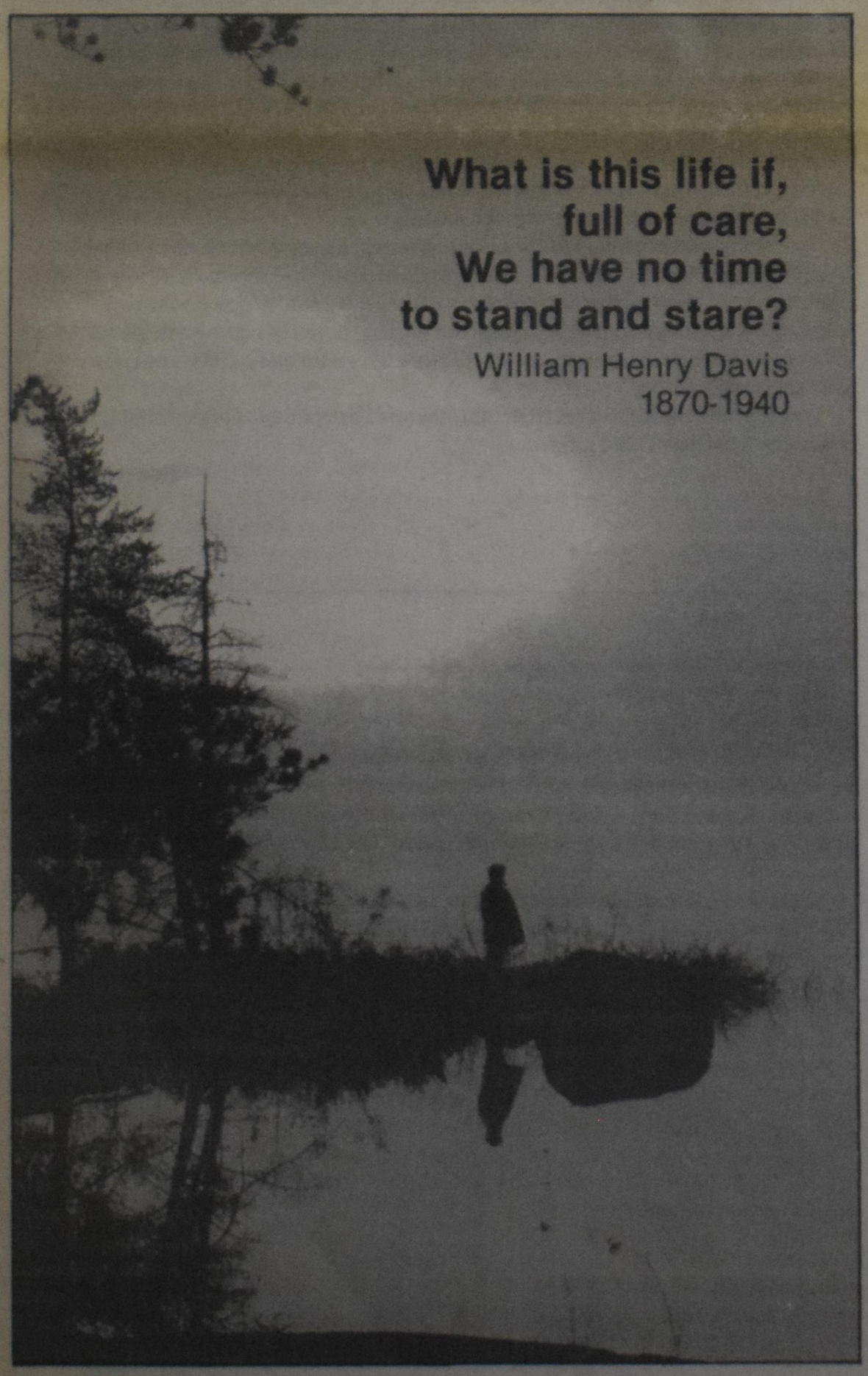
Institutions have a habit of diverting attention from the simple precepts of Christ.

John Zens



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Study shows a reasonably promising economic future

Stan de Jong

TORONTO, Ont. — The Canadian economy is now in its fourth consecutive year of expansion, states a recent report prepared by Woods Gordon, a leading Canadian management consulting firm.

The economy is being fuelled by renewed consumer and business optimism in Canada and a reinvigorated performance by Canadian export industries. This has led to a steady decline in inflation over the last four years, which has been nothing less than startling.

Important factors have been the falling commodity prices — agricultural products, base metals, oil and natural gas, etc. — as well as the strength of the Canadian dollar vis-a-vis most overseas currencies.

Canada's economic prospects over the next five to 10 years remain reasonably promising, although it is unlikely that growth in output and employment will maintain their recent pace.

Expansion of our export sector will likely feel the constraints from slower growth in our major trading markets and from a more intensely competitive international business environment.

Reduced population and labour force growth at home are expected to limit domestic market prospects, whereas productivity enhancements and product innovation will continue to be key elements for corporate success.

Future developments

Future Canadian economic growth

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Profile message belongs in schools

Marguerite Witvoet

TORONTO, Ont. — Pro-lifers have to do more than picket outside abortion clinics in order to convince young pregnant women to keep their babies.

Bev Hadland, director of counselling for Choose Life Canada, and head of the Abortion Outreach Centre, says women need counselling, not confrontation. "I've come to realize that Morgentaler is not the problem or the issue," she said. "The issue is immorality, and we haven't addressed that as we should have."

Hadland feels that the pro-life movement is often equated with picketing, and although "picketing may present a witness to the public, ... by itself it presents a purely negative image to most people. I found that many people desiring counsel would not go through the picket lines."

Hadland, who had two abortions before becoming a Christian, says that the place to present the pro-life message is in the schools. "If the abortionist and pro-choice crowd can go into the schools and present their message, why can't we?" she asks. She has gone into 50 elementary and high schools and some 10 universities, and is finding more open doors.

Her message is straightforward.

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Editorial

Exchange on capital punishment between two editors

Ron Rempel, Editor of the ***Mennonite Reporter,*** *has in a sensitive and brotherly way taken issue with my position on capital punishment. Below we reprint most of his editorial, which appeared in the Apr. 13 issue of the* ***Reporter.*** *Following his editorial is Bert Witvoet's response.*

What about the Christian case for capital punishment?

I oppose capital punishment. But I keep trying to understand the views of Christians who want to see the death penalty reinstated in Canadian law. For this reason I am indebted to an editorial colleague from *Calvinist Contact*. He has laid out his case for the death penalty coherently enough that it can be discussed and disputed, not just countered in knee jerk fashion.

As I understand it, Bert Witvoet's case rests on two major points: 1) a common interpretation of Romans 13; and 2) an Old Testament sacrificial image.

1) Romans 13:1-4. "There is no authority except from God .... If you do wrong, be afraid, for he [the ruler] is a servant of God to execute His wrath on the wrongdoer." Here is the main argument: the government is the agent of God's wrath; it has the legitimate authority and the duty to punish evil and to execute evildoers if necessary; don't thwart God's way of running the world.

As a Mennonite Christian, with John H. Yoder as a teacher, I have learned an alternate reading of Romans 13:1-4. These few verses do not stand alone; they are part of two chapters (12 and 13) which are a call to suffering, serving love, a call not to exercise vengeance (12:19) but to leave it to God. The authorities are "recognized" as carrying out the vengeance (13:4) which is to be left to God. In the same way God recognized the brutality of Assyria in chastening Israel. (Isaiah10) The Romans text simply says that whatever government exists is ordered by God and operates within God's providence. That is not the same as saying that God approved of or somehow instituted a particular Assyrian or Roman administration.

Yoder's interpretation of Romans 13 does not level government authority but proclaims an authority higher than government. In Yoder's words, the Romans text calls for "participation in the character of God's victorious patience with the rebellious powers of His creation. We subject ourselves to government because it was in so doing that Jesus revealed and achieved God's victory." (See *The Politics of Jesus*, Eerdman's, 1972, pages 193-214)

With this reading, the dilemma of somehow reconciling God's love and wrath isn't neatly resolved. But at least the dilemma is lodged in the heart of God rather than prematurely settled in the job description of a particular government. Governments will continue to establish and maintain and enforce order. Their powers are to be respected, but not canonized. Christian devotion should remain fixed on the God who wants to nudge all of creation, including governments, towards a higher and more redemptive purpose than the death penalty for murderers.

I don't pretend to develop here a tight-knit case against capital punishment, and I don't intend to raise any of the statistics or moral arguments used in the debate. I simply want to declare that it is possible for Christians to take Romans 13 seriously and still not support capital punishment.

2) The death penalty as a "cleansing" act. I have long suspected that at the heart of the Christian pro-capital punishment view is a yearning for sacrifice. But I have seldom seen the connection made so clearly as in Witvoet's editorial.

Sacrifice language is attractive because it claims to offer a remedy for a serious offence. When a senseless murder shatters a community, there is more than a loss of individual lives. There is also a massive assault on public order and morality — an assault that cannot be easily brushed aside. It deserves to be met with more than kindness and appeals to civility. The serious crime should not be minimized. It takes a sacrifice to restore the moral order. And this sacrifice, as repugnant as it is to the modern soul, is ultimately God's declaration of the value of life. So goes the argument.

Sacrificial language has helped Christians understand the meaning of Christ's death. Because the metaphor is so familiar, Christians easily apply the same thinking to capital punishment. But it is precisely because Christ died that the sacrificial system is dethroned, even in its legalized form. If there is to be sacrifice let it be the sacrifice of Christians who follow Christ and take up His cross.

In submitting to capital punishment, Christ paid the price once for all. This does not mean that evil is uprooted decisively. But through Christ, God has turned loose in human history a force that is stronger and more costly than sacrifice — the power of suffering, reconciling love.

This vision and hope may not wipe out an unregenerate government's right to exact the death penalty. But it should give Christians a clue about where to put their energies. Why spend precious time to further legitimize powers that are passing? Why not instead help to push out the new vision of restorative justice? Why not urge the existing system to take more risks with mercy? Why not join the search for alternatives?

I understand the call for sacrifice. But there is a better way, a higher calling. At least that's the way I read scripture.

Ron Rempel

Let our participation be full

Some day I will have to elaborate a bit more on my idea of cleansing as a justification for capital punishment. For the time being, I want to restrict my remarks to Ron Rempel's editorial.

First of all, reading Romans 13:1-4 in the context of chapters 12 and 13 does not for me change my understanding of the function of the government.

Yoder's call for "participation in the character of God's victorious patience" does not rule out participation in the character of God's sternness that we read about in chapter 11:12. If we must participate, and I agree we are called to, let's then participate in the fullness of God's character. For the government there is a special calling for a unique kind of participation: to be the agent of God's wrath, seasoning such wrath with mercy. (This, of course, is not the only task of the government.)

Ron Rempel writes that "their powers are to be respected, but not canonized." Ironically, I think it is the abolitionists that want to canonize the limitations of the powers of the government by forbidding them to use the sword they were given by God. Why not leave that sword in their hand and encourage them to use it wisely, with much restraint and patience?

When Rempel discusses my idea of cleansing as being "a yearning for sacrifice" I am somewhat puzzled. I had not thought of capital punishment as a form of sacrifice, and I still don't. Sacrifice to me suggests doing something on behalf of someone else. Putting a hardened murderer to death is not sacrificial in that sense. The murderer is dying for his own crime.

When I talked about "cleansing" I did not have the emotions of people in mind, by the way. Capital punishment is not a form of catharsis for me, though it may well work that way. I was thinking of taking the rot out of society, making society manageable again so that it can function properly. I do believe that that lies behind God's wrath too, besides His own intolerance of evil.

So the second point — that Christ dethrones the sacrificial system — does not seem to cut any ice in this debate. Surely, Christ's sacrifice on the cross does not "dethrone" the justice system.

As usual, I don't feel far removed from the anabaptist position that Ron Rempel so cogently presents in his editorial. With him I wonder sometimes about the efforts we should invest in legitimizing temporal powers. But then my Reformed inclinations usually swing me back to giving a high priority to political involvement.

I recognize in Rempel's position a very fine longing to suffer for Christ and to reconcile rather than punish. I think I understand what he means when he urges "the existing system to take more risks with mercy." His view of mercy is higher than the permissive one bandied about by a secular society.

I would add to his, the call that the existing system also take more risks with justice. As it stands today, our society errs as much on the side of justice as it does on the side of mercy.

Bert Witvoet

Letters

CCG statement "unauthorized," "pragmatic"

Please allow me to make a few remarks about the article "Sword need not be used, says Committee," which appeared in C.C. on Apr. 10, 1987.

First of all, the committee sends an *unratified* report to members of parliament, creating the impression that this report represents the opinion of the majority in the CRC. I do not know whether this is so or not, but neither does the committee. Who gives them the right to speak out on issues as important as capital punishment, without the approval of the counsel or the church as a whole?

Furthermore, their argumentation is strange, to say the least. I would expect the committee to speak in terms of "Thus says the Lord." However, they fall into the same trap the secular world does — pragmatism.

The committee claims no increase in the murder rate since abolition. That depends on what factors we take into consideration. However, that is not the point. The criterion is not numbers, but what the Lord says in His word.

Point two is not much better, i.e., that police officers run no extra risks over against the risks involved when working in construction. How can the committee compare these two categories? A police officer loses his life through a criminal act, and a construction worker through an accident. Even if half the construction workers would lose their lives by accident, that would have no bearing on our risk calculations concerning a police officer being killed, or any other member of society, for that matter.

Number three states that people whose death sentences are commuted do not kill again. This is another lame argument. Justice is done not by considering whether the crime will be repeated or not, but by laying down a sentence for a crime *already committed*.

Number four is pragmatism at its highest. It says 47 per cent of the executed were poor. But God's words does not tell us to treat a poor murderer differently than a rich one. I would rather put it this way: poor people do not become murderers, but criminals become poor.

One more thing. Let's not muddle things up by confusing divine justice with civil justice. By applying divine justice, God brought in a substitute — Jesus Christ. In civil justice, every man and woman is responsible for his or her actions to society.

Bill van Oene,
Welland, Ontario

Reader challenges CPJ's challenge

I have some questions about CPJ's challenge of the federal government's budget. (C.C., Mar. 13)

One of CPJ's suggestions is that the Finance Minister "eliminate the many generous taxbreaks and loopholes favouring big corporations."

Since when do our tax laws recognize loopholes? And who or what is a corporation? A corporation is nothing more than a convenient legal term. Corporations do not pay taxes. People pay corporate taxes.

The taxes are paid by the customers of the corporation in higher prices, by its workers in lower wages, by its suppliers in lower material prices or by its shareholders in reduced earnings.

CPJ says, "eliminate the $500,000 lifetime capital gains tax exemption favouring wealthy individuals." I do not know who is a wealthy individual in the eyes of CPJ.

If we call someone wealthy who is worth approximately $600- to $700-thousand, with an average return of 15 per cent, it would not take even six years to accomplish this lifetime gain of $500,000. That is far from a lifetime benefit. It is my contention that the capital gains tax exemption does not favour the wealthy; quite the contrary.

CPJ says, "eliminate the income tax deductibility of increased contributions to registered retirement savings plans, which favour wealthy individuals." Again I contend that this is not quite true. Wealthy individuals may benefit somewhat by it in percentages of their rebates, but surely not by the percentage of their income. I feel that this deductibility favours the average income earner — the farmer, the small self-employed businessman, the employee that works for a small company where there is no pension, surely a large part of the work force in Canada.

As to tax reform: both opposition parties are pushing the "corporate welfare bums" line. If the government follows his strategy, it will be another triumph of politics over good sense.

Gerald Schroor,
Oshawa, Ontario

Content improved

Enclosed are two subscriptions, one for us and another for a gift.

We want you to know that we really appreciate *Calvinist Contact*. Its content has greatly improved in the past few years. It's great to know that Bob Vander Vennen is also on his way with his hands (we just read his editorial).

Evert Wassink,
Forest, Ontario

Worth it!

Enclosed you will find our yearly $25 subscription for *Calvinist Contact* — it's worth it!

There are no magazines or Christian papers without faults or errors, but as long as they give us biblical and Reformed direction, which the Christian membership needs so badly, then I am very appreciative and happy.

A. Jongejan,
Bayfield, Ontario

Warm and loving insight

My favourite part of the paper is "Small Talk" by Alice Los. It is the first column I read and I always know that her words will bring some warm and loving insight into our everyday life.

Is there a possibility that a collection of her columns would be printed into a book, as her words are an inspiration and will be for years to come. It would make an excellent gift item.

Theresa Zandbergen,
Brinston, Ontario

What more can be said?

Calvinist Contact is an excellent magazine. Keep up the wonderful work!

Pete and Cynthia Vanderwerf,
St. Catharines, Ontario

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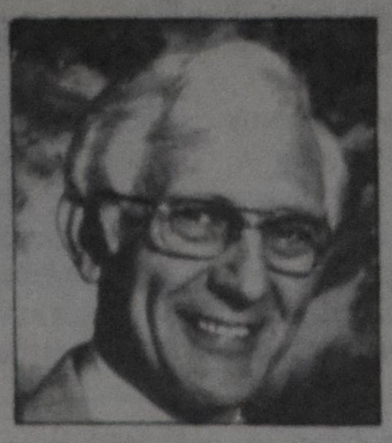


"During the Christian life you and I never "arrive." We will remain busy with our development until the last minute of our existence on earth. We never "are," we're always "becoming."

We need to be guided

"I have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now," Jesus once said. (John 16:12) It is really a word against overestimating oneself and against overloading one's ego.

You know, I've never seen a student skip six or seven years of education and jump from Grade one to Grade eight. Educational development requires not only academic but social maturity as well.

Have you ever thought that the Holy Spirit operates in the same way? He leaves room for growth and development. A person is not lifted from spiritual poverty right into the full riches of Christ. Faith and its growth are delicate matters. They require time.

It is for that reason that Jesus said, "Not now." One cannot speed up spiritual growth. You and I need a surrendering understanding of the way in which the Lord works in your and my life.

However, if we follow the Lord's discussion in John 16, we will see that with this warning there also comes a promise. That is characteristic of Jesus, for He never wounds without being ready to heal, He never casts down without stretching out His hands for aid, or rebukes without offering comfort. Thus He added to the "not yet" this promise: "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth."

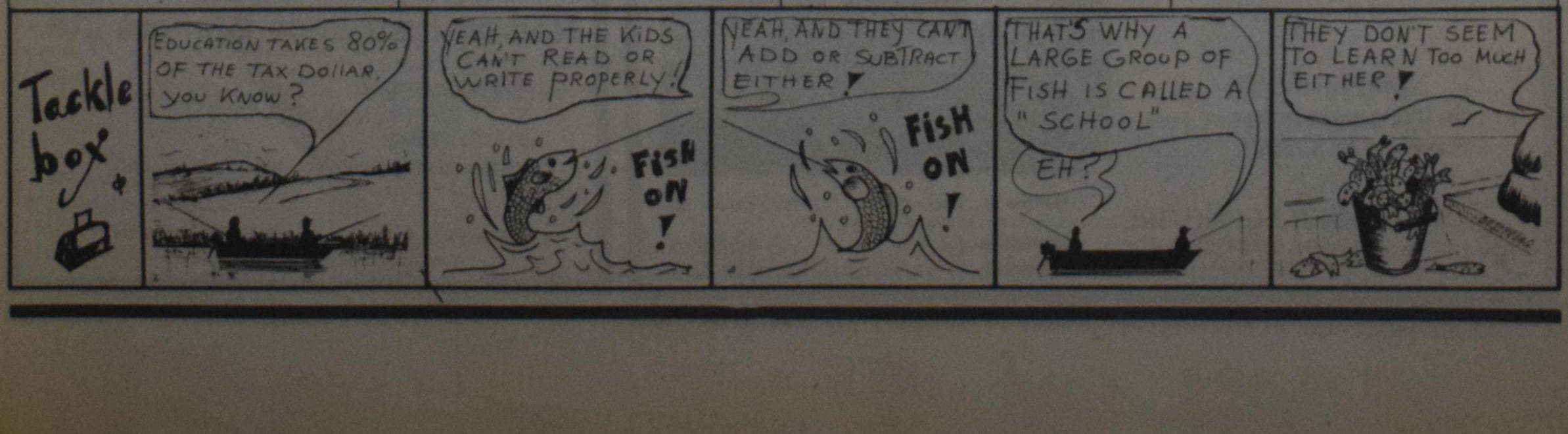
When we meditate on these words, you and I will discover that they mean that we will never get finished with ourselves. During the Christian life you and I never "arrive." We will remain busy with our development until the last minute of our existence on earth. We never "are," we're always "becoming." Mind you, we're never full-grown in the truth, either. Again, a continual process, a gradual growth.

There was a time in my life during which I believed that I understood quite a bit and that I knew a good deal about truth and obedience. Today I realize that I was wrong. I had been a mere babe with some religious conceit. Still I do not know enough and I do not respond enough to the grace of God.

But the Spirit is still at work in me. He's not finished with me yet. That realization encourages me to pray for further growth. There is so much more to be known and experienced!

I hope that you feel the same way.

William Rang is principal of the Christian high school in Dunnville, Ontario.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News

Mellow is back on the music scene

Marguerite Witvoet

There's a new trend in music that's quietly making its way onto the music scene. New Age music, which has been described as "yuppy elevator music," was a category for the first time at the recent Grammy Awards ceremony in Los Angeles.

Definitions vary as to what exactly the New Age music is. "Some define it as serene, atmospheric instrumental mood music, or as a mixture of classical, pop, and folk music. Some say it's acoustic improvised music, but there are plenty of records in the New Age bins at stores by artists who play electronic music and don't improvise at all," says Amy Duncan, in an article in *The Christian Science Monitor*.

Others feel that the label defies definition. Duncan herself thinks that "New Age seems to be a convenient umbrella under which to place whatever is new and doesn't fit somewhere else."

Everyone seems to agree, however, that the new music is mellow. "People are hungering after this music because the speed of the world is so busy — competition, jobs, everything," says Chip Davis, who is considered a New Age artist. "New Age music is a way to slow down and get away from that. It helps them visualize being somewhere away from their tense world and to cool out."

Other artists under the New Age label include synthesist Wendy Carlos ("Switched-On Bach"), classical crossover pianist/composer Liz Story, and Swiss fusion harpist Andreas Vollenweider, not to mention Paul Winter, Terry Riley, Jean-Michel Jarre, and Tangerine Dream. Pianist George Winston and electronic composer Kitaro, although widely different in their styles, are also included in the group.

Toronto hosts international stamp exhibition

TORONTO, Ont. (Capex) — Valued at over $100-million, some 800 exhibits from private and government collections around the world will be in Toronto June 13-21 for CAPEX 87, the world class international stamp exhibition at the Metro Toronto Centre.

Among these, from the collection of the National Postal Museum, are the priceless lithographed essay proofs of Canada's first postage stamp, the 3-penny beaver, designed by Sir Sandford Fleming in February, 1851.

Others include the 5-cent New Brunswick from the collection of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and the world's rarest and, perhaps, most famous stamp, the British Guiana one-cent magenta 1856, which recently sold for a reported one-million dollars (U.S.). One hundred and thirty-three stamp dealers and 93 postal administrations and agencies will be selling stamps from around the world.

Photo: Courtesy of National Postal Museum, Ottawa, Ontario

The 3-penny beaver, Canada's first postage stamp, will be starring at the Toronto exhibition.

Some philatelic items never before exhibited in Canada will also be unveiled at CAPEX, the largest such show ever held in Canada. As well, an awards ceremony will recognize collectors from around the world.

The nine-day exhibition is held every 10 years. This year will celebrate 100 years of organized philately in Canada.

5-billion humans by 1st of July, study estimates

WASHINGTON, DC (AP) — The rate at which people are being born is speeding up again, just as the planet's population edges past the five-billion mark, a population study group reported yesterday.

The private Population Reference Bureau cited an easing of strict birth limits in China as a prime reason for the turnaround in population growth.

The bureau's new World Population Data Sheet for 1987 estimates that the population of the world on July 1 will be 5.026-billion.

The United States has projected that the world will pass the five-billion milestone early in July, while another private study group, The Population Institute, calculated that the event occurred last year.

In its new report, the Population Reference Bureau estimated the world-wide birth rate at 28 births per 1,000 people, up from 27 last year. The world's rate had been 27 for two years, down from 28 in 1984 and 29 in 1983, the group said.

China's policy of one child per family had been effective in reducing growth in recent years, but that has not been stressed as heavily this year, said Mary Kent of the bureau.

As a result, China's birth rate jumped to 21 per 1,000 this year, from 18 in 1986.

Between 1986 and 1987, the Chinese population grew to 1.275-billion from 1.263-billion.

Promising economic future

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will be profoundly affected by the course of events in two key areas: the trend in government deficits in North America and possible changes in our trading relationship with the United States.

Government deficits in Canada — both federal and provincial — remain historically high despite both the strong expansion of the past three years and the dramatic decline in financing costs for our accumulated stock of debt. Even increased tax rates and the so-called temporary surtaxes have been inadequate to reverse the rising trend in the debt to GNP ratio.

The nature of the trading relationship between Canada and the U.S. that will emerge over the next decade remains uncertain at this stage. Canadians, according to the Woods Gordon researchers, must prepare themselves for significant changes in the rules governing the market for almost 80 per cent(!) of our exports.

The pursuit of a freer trading environment is viewed by many as a far more preferable situation than the erection of even more trading barriers by both countries.

Freer trade discussions can be expected to last until some time in 1988. Because of the federal election cycles in both countries, however, the ratification of a possible free trade pact between Canada and the U.S. could be postponed until 1989 or beyond.

Pro-life message

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"The brochures that students are given in the schools advise them to refrain from sex until they're ready," she states. Her counsel is that they refrain from such activity until they are married.

The student response to Holland's presentation is encouraging. The name of the presentation shows why: "Ask Me — I've Been There." Hadland freely shares her own experience with two abortions, and a lively question and answer interchange usually follows.

One of her presentations, to a Grade 12 class, has been videotaped. "The production is strictly 'mickey-mouse,' " she says, "but it gives the school board or a school staff some idea of what I present." The videotape, which includes some student questions and answers, has been duplicated and is used in remote areas. Hadland has also been invited to go beyond Ontario to schools in Manitoba, Quebec and Nova Scotia.

Besides speaking in schools, Hadland counsels women who have contemplated abortion or who have gone through the trauma that follows an abortion.

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Atlantic veterinary college a reality

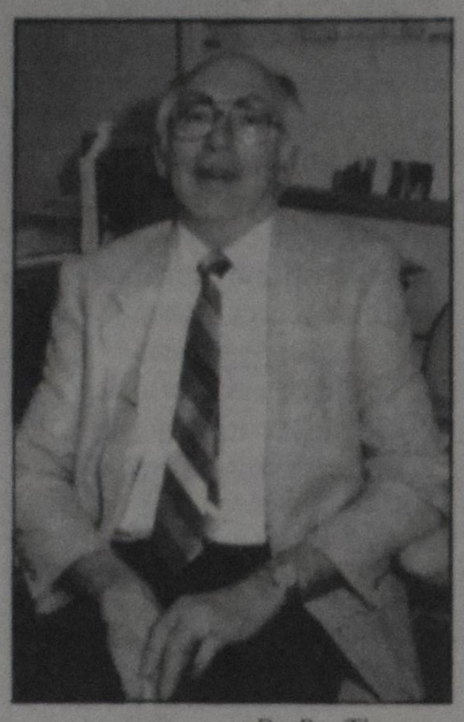
Anne Hutten

CHARLOTTETOWN, PEI — It took years of wrangling over the location and funding, but the Atlantic Veterinary College (AVC) is now nearing the end of its first year of operation. Disagreements over which Maritime province and town should be the site of AVC appear to be all but forgotten as the college finds its place in the region's agricultural industry. A class of 50 students wrote midterm exams recently, about half of a projected 60 faculty members have been hired and such major projects as the Animal Productivity and Health Information Network (APHIN) are already in their first stages.

Charlottetown was chosen as the AVC location for a number of reasons. The University of Prince Edward Island, of which AVC is a faculty, had no major professional program until last fall. More important perhaps, the island offers all the supporting commodities needed, from dairy cattle to fox and mink to wildlife, horses and aquaculture. Most spokesmen concede that politics played a role as well.

Finding staff and students

Attracting highly-qualified professors and technical support staff was a challenge from the beginning. AVC's first faculty appointment was Dr. Reg Thomson, Dean, who had earlier spent a couple of years building a strong case for the Island choice. Other faculty members were drawn from universities across Canada and beyond. Dr. Ray Long, a microbiologist who formerly served as Provincial Veterinarian at Truro, N.S., says there's much more intellectual freedom at a university, one reason for choosing AVC. Others, he says, were looking for a new challenge, a promotion, or



Dr. Reg Thomson

simply a change of pace.

Attracting students proved fairly easy, despite rigorous admission requirements which include 160 hours of practical experience with both a large animal veterinarian and a small animal practice. Kim Barkhouse, a typical student from urban Hubbards, N.S., says it's almost impossible for Atlantic region young people to get into the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph. The availability of seats at AVC is seen as a major plus.

Special features

APHIN is a computerized network which draws information from local abattoirs, veterinary practices and herd health programs. Although its mean computer will be at AVC, microcomputers across the Island will feed in such vital data as the rate of disease in hogs at the Garden Province Meats plant, and the productivity of dairy cattle. Analysed data will be available to veterinarians, producers and extension workers, with the ultimate goal of reducing costs and improving productivity.

Of particular interest to farmers is the Health Management department, chaired by Dr. Bob Curtis, formerly of Guelph. Curtis plans to set up a regular veterinary group practice at AVC. Members will go out on farm calls accompanied by three students, who will be given the chance to examine and diagnose animals, and treat them where possible. Curtis expects this to be a major component of the learning process for final year students. What's more, he plans to use his position and influence to change attitudes on the use of antibiotics in feed.

"You would think, given the fact that veterinarians are involved in treating sick animals that they would sell a significant amount of antibiotics," says Curtis. However, he notes that of the "billions of dollars" of antibiotics sold in the U.S., only 10 per cent is prescribed by vets. The other 90 per cent is sold in livestock feed. This, says Curtis, is only a crutch for poor management practices, and it's one which has serious implications for human health.

"They've got salmonella that they can't treat in an old folks' home down (in New England), and they're proving that it's coming from cattle antibiotics," says Curtis. He expects the laws regarding the use of antibiotics in feed to change rapidly, as more awareness of the problem grows. At the AVC clinic, no antibiotics will be available except by prescription after proper diagnosis, he says.

From an architectural standpoint, the AVC is pleasing to the eye, with its cattle-gate bannisters, its silo-like stairwells on the exterior. As for impact on the region's livestock industry, programs such as APHIN and voices like that of Dr. Bob Curtis will soon make AVC an integral part of the farming community.

Presbyterian Journal folds

NEW YORK, N.Y. (EP) — The final issue of the *Presbyterian Journal* was published Mar. 18. The magazine, founded in 1942 by members of the former Presbyterian Church U.S., had dropped to 13,000 circulation from a peak of 45,000.

Minorities recognized in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (EP) — The federal government of Malaysia has issued a statement that state laws based on Shariah (Islamic law) do not apply to non-Muslims. The statement was welcomed by a council which represents Malaysia's minority religions: Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, and Sikhism.

CFB: Food got to Africa, not wasted

GENEVA (CFB) — The vast majority of the grain shipped to African nations during the past two years "got to the people and was not wasted," according to C. Wilbert Loewen, Executive Director of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFB).

Loewen, along with nine other members of the agency's Board of Directors, recently returned here from a two-week visit to three drought-stricken African countries.

The CFB is a non-profit coalition of seven Christian denominations based in Winnipeg. The church partners involved are: The Canadian Baptist Federation; Canadian Lutheran World Relief; The Christian Missionary Alliance; Christian Reformed World Relief Committee of Canada; Mennonite Central Committee Canada; The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada and The United Church of Canada.

Loewen, in an interview in Geneva where the group visited for meetings with United Nations officials and non-governmental organizations, said the purpose of the trip was to find out, "Did the food in fact get to the people? We are all agreed our food indeed went through."

He said only two to four per cent of the more than 30,000 tonnes of food shipped by the CFB to Ethiopia during 1986 was lost or wasted. The CFB donated over 50,000 tonnes of food world-wide during the past year. "The consignees (receiving agencies in Africa) did a conscientious job of getting the food to the people in greatest need."

During the Africa trip, the CFB people were able to meet many of the agency personnel who are involved in distributing the CFB grain. As well, through visits to project sites in each country the group was able to speak directly with some of the recipients of the food aid.

CFB food is now being used largely for development projects in the African nations, as opposed to being distributed as part of direct relief operations as it was for much of 1985 at the height of the famine.

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Are Christians weary in well-doing?

CHARLOTTE, N.C., U.S.A. (WEIS) — Christian relief agency and other refugee officials are concerned that "compassion fatigue" may have gripped people in Western nations. Bombarded with media accounts of famine, earthquakes and incredible human suffering around the world, the public may have become desensitized and weary.

They cite the outpouring of compassion and assistance to the crisis of the "boat people" a few years ago. When tens of thousands of Vietnamese braved the seas in small boats to flee their homeland, the response in the West was prompt and overwhelming.

Christian agencies were in the forefront of that international effort to assist the refugees. They provided support for those who found haven in refugee camps in Thailand and elsewhere and initiated sponsorship programs which permitted churches and Christian families to assist refugees in relocating.

Many settled in the United States, Canada and elsewhere and are contributing members in the community. A number of Vietnamese churches have been established.

Another impending crisis in the same region, however, has not prompted a similar response, and the lives of many refugees are again at stake.

The government of Thailand earlier this year announced that it was going to close the Khao I Dang camp, which houses about 25,000 refugees from neighbouring Kampuchea (formerly Cambodia). Many have endured eight years at the camp, desperately waiting to be sent out to a safe haven.

The Thai government has set a late-spring deadline. If the refugees are then expelled from the camp and forcibly returned to camps on the Thailand-Kampuchea border, the prospects are grim. That homeland which endured the Pol Pot massacre of one-sixth of its citizens and the subsequent Vietnamese invasion and occupation is boiling with partisan rivalries and little mercy on newcomers of uncertain loyalties.

The frightened refugees dread the border camps and the prospect of being branded traitors by refugees of competing groups and by guerrillas who are resisting the Vietnamese occupation. Males among the expelled refugees dread the prospect of being forced to join the guerrillas who would coerce them into getting involved in the ongoing feuding in the turbulent region.

Reports of overnight killings, torture and rape are commonplace in the border area.

Many of the refugees facing expulsion, points out Mrs. Karen McKellin, refugee co-ordinator with World Vision Canada, are widows caring for small children and elderly relatives. Others are illiterate farmers with few skills who are unable to qualify for entry to other countries according to conventional immigration standards.

Neither the media nor the general public have responded quickly to news of that impending crisis, says McKellin. She points out that governments of several Western nations, including Canada, will grant entry to such refugees if churches or individuals will sponsor them for the first year.

Church News

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Change of time

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New churches

Living Hope CRC in Heart Lake, Ont., established Apr. 3, 1987, presently meets in the Snelgrove Community Centre at 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Pastor: Dan Gritter. Church address: 58 Peterson Court, Brampton, ON L6Z 1K6. Phone: (416) 846-8555.

Jubilee CRC in St. Catharines, Ont., established Apr. 5, 1987, presently meets in Beacon Christian High School at 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Clerk: Stan de Jong. Church address: P.O. Box 2463, Station B, St. Catharines, ON L2M 7M8. Phone: (416) 934-5358 or 682-8311.

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Pastoral Pondering

Recovering the literature of the Samaritans

In a small village in central Palestine called Nablus — near the site of ancient Shechem — live a small remnant community of Samaritans. These much-maligned people — around 300 of them — live there today, as they claim to have lived for nearly 3,000 years, in the shadow of their holy mountain, Mount Gerizim.

They cling tenaciously to the faith of their fathers. Their basic creed is short:

We believe in God (Yahweh)
and in Moses, the son of Amram, his servant
and in his sacred law
and in the Mount Gerizim
and in the Day of Punishment and Reward.

They are renowned for their annual performance of the Passover festival pilgrimage. Modern tourists have observed this ritual, meticulously performed according to the laws prescribed in the law of Moses, with a sense of wonder. Many modern Jews have confessed their admiration of the Samaritans as they carry out, step by step, the ancient rite of Passover on the top of their sacred Mount Gerizim.

At one time the Samaritans were a large and flourishing people. During the 1st war with Rome (A.D. 70) 11,600 of them were massacred on Mount Gerizim (according to Josephus, *Wars* iii. 307-315). They were thought to have disappeared through the cracks of history like so many of the other "sects" and "parties" of Israel (the Sadducees, the Zealots, etc.). However, in the late 16th century, a European theological adventurer named Joseph Scaliger ran into a group of (apparently) genuine Samaritans. He began a careful correspondence with the shy group, and slowly, over the course of more than three centuries, the beliefs and practices and literature of the Samaritans (according to the Samaritans) began to be recovered.

The recovered literature of the Samaritans is fascinating. It consists of a Samaritan version of the Pentateuch (the five "books of Moses"), commentaries on the Pentateuch, liturgies, and various documents outlining the origins and the history of the Samaritans.

The Samaritan Pentateuch consists of the first five books of the Old Testament with certain adjustments favouring unique Samaritan positions.

The most significant difference involves the insertion of a passage in the Decalogue in Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5. The inserted passage is a combination of Deuteronomy 27:2-8 and Deuteronomy 11:30. It makes Mount Gerizim the proper place which God has chosen for His worship. It has been inserted at the end of the Decalogue and is considered by the Samaritans to be the 10th commandment (by numbering the preceding ones differently).

In Samaritan theology, Mount Gerizim is identified with Bethel (Genesis 28), with the "ancient hill" (Genesis 10:30), with the place where Abel built his altar, and where Abraham started to sacrifice Isaac (Moriah = Moreh, near Shechem), as well as the place where Abraham met Melchizedek (not at Jerusalem, but Salim, also near Shechem!)

In other words, everything important in Samaritan thinking centres on their holy mountain. Even the one they are waiting for, the "Restorer," is expected to reveal himself there, at which time the Samaritans expect to be vindicated as the true-blue people of God!

(Next week: the origins of the Samaritans)

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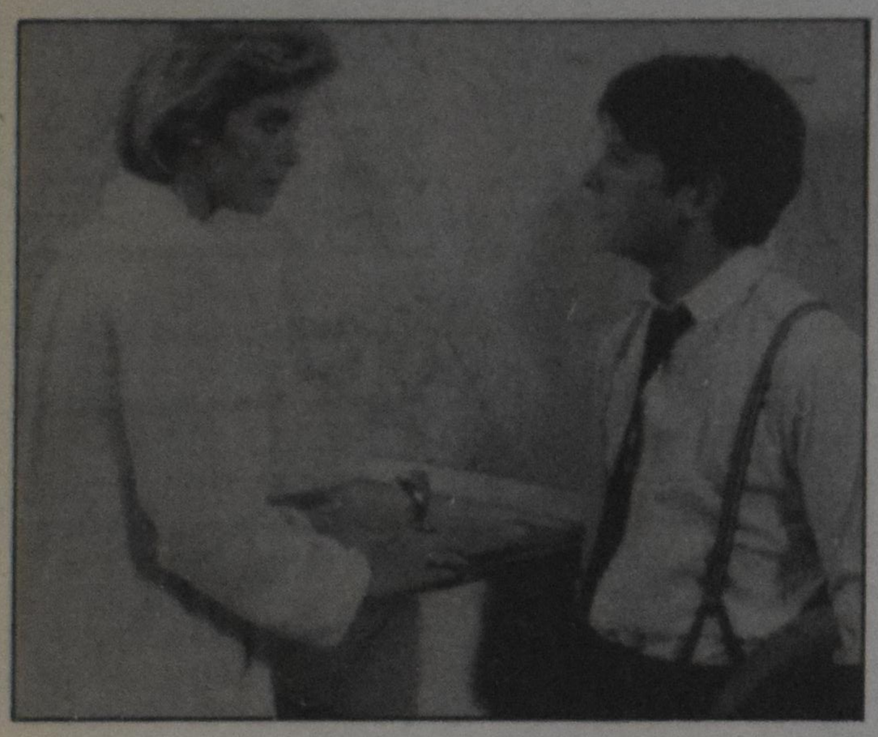

Bradley Foster is a Kansas farm boy who sets out to make his fortune in the "Big Apple." Without being conceited, he's so wildly self-confident, you just know he'll succeed.

Bradley lands a job in the basement mailroom of a corporation headed by a remote uncle of his. He immediately plots his move "upstairs" to a vacated executive office. He invents a double identity and works himself into the system, wowing the corporate heads with his talent and charm.

The film's humour centres on Bradley's double life and his frantic efforts to conceal it from his uncle, his co-workers and the two women who have fallen for each of his two selves.

The plot is farfetched. But Michael J. Fox is so captivating as Bradley Fisher, a.k.a. Carlton Warfeld, and the supporting cast so strong, that the audience is willing to suspend disbelief. In addition, the superb photography, from the very first frame, presents a New York that is slightly askew, helping to re-enforce the feeling that if *anything* can happen in the streets here, it can also happen in the boardrooms.

Though the film's aim is clearly entertainment, the smart but innocent Ross effectively satirizes the clawing and cloying executives by thrusting the smart but innocent farm boy into their midst, "showing up" their stodginess, selfishness and lust — for power and women. There's a lot of implied lust in this film, some of which is presented satirically, the rest of which seems condoned. That is the major problem with this otherwise good-natured, funny film.

MEDIA SCAN

Henry Knoop

Giving 'em what they want: movie endings

As a movie fan, I know that many movies are previewed. I've seen the ads in the newspapers — "Sneak Preview Tonight!" — and I've read about test screenings of certain films prior to an official opening. Rather naively, I must admit, I thought that these previews were also used to make "minor" adjustments. It came as quite a surprise to read differently.

According to a recent *Rolling Stone* article, many movies today have had their endings altered — some rather severely — as a result of preview showings. Included in the last are some rather big titles: *Little Shop of Horrors, Pretty in Pink, Risky Business* and *First Blood.* The situation is apparently commonplace enough to make one wonder if many movies today aren't sacrificing artistic integrity for commercial gain. It also makes one question the validity of such "preview showings."

Perhaps, however, we should distinguish between the two kinds of preview showings. The first kind, the "Sneak Preview Tonight" offering, is usually little more than a publicity stunt — an advertising gimmick — of the film's distributors. No great amount of detective work is needed by the viewer to know which movie is "secretly" being shown — it's all part of the "come-on." Sometimes, if the title of the film is also advertised, studios use sneak previews to determine how to best shape an ad campaign.

The other kind of preview showing involves a usually carefully-selected audience of movie-goers who are asked to participate in a special screening. Research specialists from independent companies cruise public places like shopping malls, beaches, and train stations to find them. After watching a movie, the viewer is asked to answer questions about the film. Based on the audience reaction to these production previews, films might have scenes added, removed or changed.

Thus *Little Shop of Horrors* underwent a drastic change. Moviegoers reacted so negatively to the original ending that filmmakers headed back to England, where they re-constructed sets for a new finale — which differs considerably from the ending adapted from the play on which the movie is based. Likewise *First Blood,* the film that introduced the now-famous Rambo character, underwent changes.

To hear the filmmakers and Sylvester Stallone tell it, when the film was being made in British Columbia, a sequel was the last thing on their minds. In the 1972 novel on which the movie is based, the Vietnam vet is shot to death at the end. The filmmakers were worried about how moviegoers would feel about such an ending, with the result that three endings were discussed and two filmed. The one where a wounded Rambo is carried away on a stretcher was never filmed. The one where Rambo dies was filmed, and was shown to preview audiences along with the ending that eventually was used, when Rambo breaks down and cries. To the surprise of everyone, the final tally was about 50-50 between those who wanted Rambo alive and those who wanted him dead. The final decision, of course, unleashed *Rambo (II)* and the upcoming *Rambo (III).*

These days, according to the *Rolling Stone* writer, happy endings are what movies are about. More and more, audience research shows that moviegoers are clamouring for upbeat, feel-good finales — "And they lived happily ever after." As it happens, in box-office dominated Hollywood those all-smiles endings can result in tidy profits, not to mention the possibilities they provide for sequel after sequel.

Preview showings which use the audience to determine the ending of a movie, or to influence anything more than minor alterations to the film, do an injustice to the medium. It is, perhaps, another example of the classic North American sell-out to the almighty dollar.

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Education

Bob VanderVennen, page editor

B.C. Christian school teachers respond

John Van Dyk

Recently it was my privilege to travel with John Vanderhoek, education co-ordinator of the Society for Christian Schools in B.C., to various Christian school communities in British Columbia. This tour, jointly sponsored by the Society for Christian Schools and the B.C. Christian Teachers' Association, was designed to provide the teachers with an opportunity to explore the nature of distinctive Christian teaching. We began our work in the lower mainland, then travelled north to the Bulkley Valley, from there to the Okanagan region, and finally to Vancouver Island. The four regional meetings were hosted by the Christian schools of Langley, Smithers, Vernon, and Nanaimo.

In our presentations we described distinctive Christian teaching as a multi-dimensional activity comprising the three functions of guiding, unfolding, and enabling. The Christian teacher, we suggested, guides the students along by unfolding and disclosing appropriate content and skills, and thereby enables our children to function as knowledgeable and competent disciples of the Lord. To teach Christianly, we argued, is to guide and unfold in such a way that our students are enabled to walk in the ways of discipleship.

Encouraging responses

In the workshop sessions following the presentations we asked the teachers to respond to the guiding/unfolding/enabling model by answering two questions: (1) Given your classroom situation, what conditions must be met if enabling in discipleship is to occur? (2) Given the unit you just taught or are about to teach, what teaching strategies do you employ or can you design that will provide optimum opportunity for enabling? The teachers were asked to write out the answers individually first, then to share and improve their work in small groups. At the conclusion of the workshop sessions I asked the teachers to submit their papers to me. I was very pleased with their willingness to do so. In all I collected well over 200 individual teacher responses.

What did the teachers write? Regarding the question about the conditions to be met if enabling for discipleship is to occur in the classroom, the suggestions were, not surprisingly, quite diverse. True, there was great unanimity about some factors, such as the need to establish trust relationships with the students. Indeed, in our workshop instructions we used the need for such trust as an example of an indispensable condition. Many of the teachers, however, expanded on this notion. They spoke of the teacher's obligation to get close to the students in order to understand their needs and their life situations. Most of the responses clearly reflected a loving and caring attitude towards our children.

Differing views

Yet, not infrequently, the teachers offered quite contradictory suggestions. For example, some of the responses argued that enabling can take place only in a classroom in which the teacher is clearly the authority. Children must learn to obey rules, else they cannot be taught to be disciples and followers. Other teachers, however, suggested just the opposite: children must be given the freedom to develop their personal style of discipleship in an untrammeled atmosphere if they are ever going to be self-confident and effective.

Similar contradictions appeared in the teachers' views of curriculum and teaching strategies. Some teachers feel that a structured curriculum is the avenue by means of which they can guide the students into discipleship. Others, on the other hand, believe the curriculum to be a confining hindrance and suggest that we'd best discard textbooks and predetermined courses of study, and instead devise educational experiences designed to capitalize on individual strengths and interests.

Factual knowledge or interpretative skills?

Even on such issues as the use of the Bible the teachers displayed diversity of opinion. Some stress detailed knowledge of the content of the scripture as an indispensable prerequisite to enabling for discipleship. Others opt for a much more "interpretive" approach, preferring to teach the students not so much specific content as a biblically informed sensitivity to the world of their daily experience.

Since the second workshop question required context-specific answers involving particular units in specific classes, it is obviously not possible for me to report in detail. Nevertheless, here, too, trends emerged. Again, I see the diversity in these trends as determined by diversity in teacher orientation. Those who see their classrooms largely in terms of teacher-directed learning will think of enabling strategies quite differently from those who prefer a more open classroom situation reflective of student-initiated learning.

Reading through the responses also made me aware of how differently teachers understand the concept "enabling for discipleship." To some, enabling in discipleship is a philosophical issue, unrelated to the nitty-gritty classroom work of the professional teacher. An encouraging number of teachers, however, do sense that the important question is not whether our students learn the ABC's efficiently — if this were the issue, then Christian schools would not be necessary — but whether or not our guiding and unfolding, that is, our nitty-gritty curricular material, teaching strategies, and classroom management, enable the students to become disciples.

Subject not closed

It seems to me that the question of the nature and implementation of distinctive Christian teaching is by no means settled, not in British Columbia nor anywhere else, for that matter. But as long as the B.C. teachers and other Christian teachers elsewhere as well, are willing to grapple with this critical question, I am hopeful that genuine Christian education will remain alive. However, if the question of distinctive Christian teaching becomes a matter of mere theory and philosophy, divorced from class-room practice, our Christian schools will have lost their reason for existence and could well enter a path leading to decline and demise. Let's work together to avoid such a tragedy.

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Supreme Court hears about school funding

Robert Vander Vennen

The independent school case on the funding of non-public schools was presented to the Supreme Court of Canada with extraordinary effectiveness, senior law student Tim Mosley reported at the annual meeting of the Association of Alternative and Independent Schools (OAAIS) held in Toronto on Apr. 7. Mosley assisted lawyers, Professor Robert Sharpe of the University of Toronto Constitutional Law Program and John I. Laskin, who argued the OAAIS position before the court. Elaine Hopkins and Lyle McBurney, who attended the court hearings, agreed with Mosley.

Thirty presentations were made to the court. They fell into three main groups. There were those, such as representatives of the public schools, who opposed Ontario's Bill 30 which extends full funding to the Catholic Separate Schools. There were those, such as representatives of the Catholic schools, who want the constitutionality of Bill 30 upheld.

A third group, including OAAIS, the Ontario Association of Christian Schools and the Canadian Jewish Congress, favour full funding of Catholic schools but argue that alternative and independent schools should also be funded, because not to do so is discriminatory.

There is a myriad of interweaving legal issues, and it is hard to predict what the Supreme Court will do. It is not likely to make a decision before an expected summer election in June.

Three alternatives are among the most likely outcomes. One is that the law will be upheld, that funding of Catholic schools will be assured. Another is that the court will accept the argument of the Christian schools, that is, that Ontario should change its law to add funding of independent schools. The third, least likely possibility, is that Bill 30 may be declared unconstitutional because it favours Roman Catholics.

What remains for us is to hope and pray.

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the string unwinding faster and faster
like a reel when a deep-sea fish

is tugging the hook furiously
and darting in evèry direction,

the sun on the water blinding my eyes,
the rod bending and whipping like

... but no, now it's the string tugging
while up by the sun a spot is dancing

and waving its joy back to earth,
us running across the field

avoiding the gnarly branches of a tree
trying not to trip over the stones

or in the patches of longer grass
reeling more and more out

the clouds and the sun and the trees
and the grass and the kite reeling and reeling.

Frank Sawyer

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Preparations

Find a film lab you can trust

Margaret Griffioen

Once you've captured the special moments of your vacation on film, how do you choose a reliable processing lab? The worst labs can ruin a perfect negative, while the best ones can exceed your expectations, so your choice has to be made carefully.

At most camera stores, the options are either a wholesale photo finisher or Kodak, according to Robert S. Winkler in *Travel & Leisure*. If the dealer recommends the wholesaler, Winkler suggests you ask to see samples of its work before you send in your own film. "If you are not satisfied, send the film to the manufacturer. You can also try a local quick-photo retail store or one of the drive-in Kiosk chains, or you can send your film to a lab through the mail."

Mailers are especially convenient if you are travelling, because your pictures can be waiting for you when you get home. Most major film manufacturers (i.e. Kodak and Fuiji) offer mail processing services. Independent mail-order labs will be cheaper, however, and you can find them listed in camera magazine ads.

If you mail your film, reserve one frame on each roll to photograph a card printed with your name and address. In addition, attach a nonremovable adhesive label with the same information to a blank area on the film cassette, and as a further precaution, note the date you mailed the film and what's on it.

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This may seem like a lot of trouble, but if a roll of film without an address label is separated from its envelope in the mail, the post office cannot identify it. The film will be held in a dead-letter file for a short time and then destroyed if not claimed. Most processors have specific time periods they will hold on to unidentified negatives and prints before destroying them. You can usually claim them if you can describe the subject matter. More popular brands of film have identification numbers on them, which can be traced if you have recorded them.

Look for special services

From most processors you will receive a snapshot of every printable negative on the roll, whether or not the shot was a success. If you would prefer to only have the best shots printed, you can ask if your processor prints contact sheets. These give you a positive image the same size as each negative, all on one sheet of photographic paper. They are easier to file and store than snapshots and can save you money if you use expensive labs. You can then order enlargements of only the best shots. Remember, however, that enlargements (especially 35 mm negatives) do not conform exactly to the standard sizes of photographic paper, so not all of the negative's picture area will be shown in the print. Check if the lab will allow you to choose the areas to be cropped (trimmed off).

Most processors allow you to choose between two types of print finishes: glossy and matte. Although a glossy print is sharper, it produces glare in normal viewing and shows up every fingerprint. A matte surface is dull enough to reduce glare and smudges, but finer details may be lost in its rougher surfaces.

Examine your prints

When you receive your prints, check them and your negatives carefully. The negatives may have picked up some dust, but they should not have scratches. In the prints, colours should be true. If the negative is sharp, the print should be sharp; details in the negative should show up in the print. Are the light areas of the print washed out and the dark areas muddy? Check your negative. If its details are clear in both the shadows and highlights, then the print's contrast is poor. If your prints are uniformly light or dark, it might indicate that the printer used a single exposure for your entire order, rather than finding the right exposure for each negative. A good lab will do their best to correct any poor printing.

It is advisable to know before your vacation which lab you can trust. Your photographs are too precious to run the risk of poor quality printing or loss.

Think "safety" for backyard vacations

(Consumer Beat) — Backyard vacationers are seriously injured every year while engaged in common activities such as barbecuing, diving in pools and mowing lawns.

"Although the type and severity of the accidents vary, most are caused by carelessness," says Monte Kwinter, Minister of Consumer and Commercial Relations, in Ontario.

"It's so easy to become complacent about using propane barbecues and other equipment we handle regularly, particularly in our own backyards," says Kwinter.

Careless diving

Careless diving has been cited by medical experts as the most common cause of quadriplegia and paraplegia. In Ontario, for example, out of 70 spinal cord injury cases caused by diving accidents studied in the last decade, 29 occurred in swimming pools. In some cases, the victims had been drinking.

"I urge everyone, especially families with children, to use extra caution around their backyard pools this summer," says Kwinter. "Never drink and dive or swim. If the pool isn't safe for diving, post signs as reminders to family and friends. Make it a habit to review pool safety rules with your children periodically."

Remind them they should never dive into an above-ground pool or the shallow end of an inground pool. Make sure an adult is always in the area when children are in the pool.

Dangerous fuels

It's also vital that youngsters are warned to keep away from lawnmowers, gasoline cans, barbecues and other potentially hazardous equipment. Adults too should carefully follow safety rules when dealing with volatile fuels.

Only use approved containers for gasoline. Never use gas as a solvent or paint thinner.

Don't leave any fuel sitting in the sun. Store it in a cool place away from the house and any source of ignition. Never transport fuel in a closed trunk. Explosive fumes could turn the car into a bomb on wheels.

Always let the lawnmower engine cool down before filling the gas tank.

Propane cylinder

Propane barbecue cylinders should be inspected for dents and corrosion — if damaged they should be looked at by certified dealers. Check the date stamped on the raised collar. This indicates the manufacturing date and the dates of any later inspections. If more than 10 years have passed since the most recent date, the cylinder is due for reinspection or replacement and it cannot legally be refilled. Take it to a propane dealer with staff who are certified to do inspections.

When attaching a cylinder to a barbecue, be sure the rubber seal is in good condition. Once the cylinder is in place, check for leaks.

Open the main supply valve, then brush a soap and water solution over all lines and connections. The appearance of bubbles indicates a leak and the main valve should be shut immediately. Have an expert repair the leak before using the barbecue.

Always read and follow the manufacturer's instructions carefully. Make sure the burner ports or openings are clean and the burner surface is clear of dust or dirt. Arrange the hose so that it does not come in contact with the hot body of the barbecue.

Catch that big one — legally!

Margaret Griffioen

ST. CATHARINES, Ont. — When you reel in the big one this summer, make sure you do it legally. All provinces require anglers aged 18 to 64 to have resident sport fishing licences.

This is the first year Ontario is selling the licences. Funds from the $10 licence "will allow [The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR)] to enhance programs to protect, maintain and rebuild the fisheries resource," said Vincent Kerrio, Ontario natural resources minister as he bought the first licence in Niagara Falls, last winter.

Costs of licences range from $5 in Alberta to $21 in Quebec. Licences are not transferable between provinces. Use of funds generated by the licence sales also varies. For example, in Ontario, sales should total between $8- and $10-million. That money, along with regularly budgeted funds of about $30-million, will be spent on 35 projects of fish habitat enhancement and improvement. Projects include fish hatcheries, water accesses and the stocking of Lake Ontario with Atlantic Salmon.

Photo: C.C. files

In Nova Scotia, resident sports licences cost $8, netting the province an average of $600,000 per year, according to a fisheries department spokesperson. The funds go into the general revenues of the province, but the fisheries department receives about $10.5-million (based on 1985/86 figures) for its various projects.

Seasonal propane appliances need

(MCCR) — Although propane fridges can serve their owners safely for many years, annual servicing is vital. In 1985, three Ontario residents were killed by carbon monoxide poisoning when propane fridges malfunctioned due to improper maintenance. In the last decade, 36 people died in similar incidents, according to experts with the Ontario Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations (MCCR).

Seasonal operation of the appliances — most are used only during summer months — is a major reason for malfunctions, says Bob Clendining, director of the ministry's Fuels Safety Branch. While sitting unused, the burners and flue passages can

Group Activities

Camp program ideas
Teaching God's truths through nature

Lily Loewen

Christ was not bound to a classroom or a church, but taught on mountains or hillsides, by the seashore, from a boat or just while strolling along. He taught in natural settings and capitalized on nature to illustrate and clarify His lessons.

Many camps are located in beautiful natural settings. The challenge is to capitalize on nature in teaching programs. Here are a few ideas on how to use the natural environment in teaching biblical truths to campers.

Take campers for a stroll around the camp grounds and study various root systems. Cliffs or ravines, or areas being eroded by wind and water, like a beach, would be ideal. Look at the primary root or taproot and observe how this branches out into secondary roots, rootlets, and finally into very fine root hairs. A pocket sized hand lens or magnifying glass will bring out more detail and make the fine root hairs more observable.

The task of roots

Discuss the purpose of roots. Talk about the fact that roots help to secure the tree and plant it firmly into the soil. Do not overlook the fact that a plant drinks through its roots. By sending forth the numerous, hair-like processes each branch of root increases its absorbent surface. These rootlets are covered with a skin or epidermis especially equipped to absorb water or soak it up as a blotter soaks up moisture. Some trees not only collect moisture, but also store it for future use. One tree in Madagascar, off the southeast coast of Africa, develops sausage-like swellings that serve as reservoirs, retaining the moisture over several months' time.

If you can observe the depth of roots, do. Here are a few examples to pass on to the campers. The tamarisk tree which grows in the Mediterranean region, sends its primary root down as far as 35 metres (100 feet). On the other hand, a giant cactus tree may put down only a one-meter taproot, but will spread supplementary roots about 30 metres horizontally in all directions. Both trees are seeking nourishment, and to this end divide and subdivide roots until they terminate in hair-breadth size. It is only by means of the root system that a tree can secure the needed water. The root hairs take the moisture from the soil and by a force called "transpiration" draw it clear to the tips of the leaves. In a tree with a quarter-million leaves this pumps up 3,000 pounds of water per month.

Look at the tree and its roots again. The above ground appearance of a tree does not give a complete picture of the root system. Storms will test the root system.

Our roots

After observing and discussing various aspects of the root system, ask campers what the statement in Colossians 2:7 means — "let your roots grow down into Him, and draw up nourishment from Him." Or, remind them of Ephesians 3:17, "May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love."

What does it mean when the Bible talks about being rooted and grounded in Christ? With what could we compare "roots"?

Our senses are our roots. Think of how we feed our minds with our sight. What type of books and magazines do we read? What types of movies or T.V. programs do we watch? What enters our mind through our sight?

Check our hearing. What enters our minds via our ears? What types of programs do we listen to? What type of music are we attracted to?

How about our smelling and tasting? How sensitive are our taste and smell buds? Who has sensitized them? Are there any foods or drinks which are detrimental to our physical bodies (God's temple)?

How about our ability to feel or touch? With whom and what do we come in contact? What types of friendships do we encourage and nurse?

Check our senses, our roots. Where do we get our nourishment? Are our roots spread in various directions? Have our contacts spread?

Here are some directions in which you can spread your roots. Fellowship with other Christians. Attend Bible study and prayer groups. These could be sponsored by a church or a Christian group in school. Attend worship services and allow yourself the privilege of really worshipping God with fellow believers. Send your roots deep into faith and dependency on Christ as you share your belief in Christ with others. Witness. How about getting involved with a Christian group and doing

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The camp chef gets an unscheduled lesson in the eating habits of wildlife.

Dog biscuit relay

This hilarious relay is great for any size group.

If your group is large, divide into teams of five or more players. If your group is small, divide into two teams and repeat the relay two or more times to determine the winning team.

Have teams form straight lines with each team member down on all fours (like a dog) facing forward.

Give group members pinch-type clothespins to put in their mouths so the clothespins can be opened and closed with their teeth.

Put bowls with 10 to 12 dog biscuits in each on the floor in front of each team's line. The first person in each team's line must take the dog biscuits out of the bowl, one at a time, using the clothespin in his/her mouth. The biscuits are then passed on to the next person, and so on, down the line.

If a biscuit is dropped, the person who dropped it must pick it up with the clothespin. No hands are allowed at any time.

Teams must stay in straight lines and remain on hands and knees throughout the relay.

The first team to put all its biscuits in the bowl at the end of the line wins.

Steve Wilfert, Merrimack, New Hampshire. Reprinted from: Group, June-August, 1986.

special care

become blocked by dust, cobwebs and debris.

If the appliances are not carefully checked and cleaned before they are started again, deadly carbon monoxide could be produced.

In a 1984 tragedy, typical of propane fridge accidents, an elderly couple died when the refrigerator at their cottage produced lethal doses of the gas. Experts later found the propane burner had become fouled.

It was the first time the cottage had been used that year and all the windows were tightly sealed, as they had been all winter. The couple died in their sleep.

Carbon monoxide is a colourless, odorless gas that causes dizziness, nausea, headaches and, in large doses, death.

Owners of propane fridges should have the appliances tuned up and cleaned as part of the annual cottage-opening routine. Do not operate the refrigerator until it has been serviced, Clendining advises. "Unless you're an expert, have the maintenance done by a professional."

Since propane is odorless, a rotten egg or cabbage scent is added to make it easily detectable. If you ever notice this smell, don't light a match or turn an electrical switch on or off. A small spark could cause an explosion.

Open all the doors and windows, leave the building and turn off the propane valve on the outside tank. Call in an expert to find the leak and do not use the appliance until it has been repaired.

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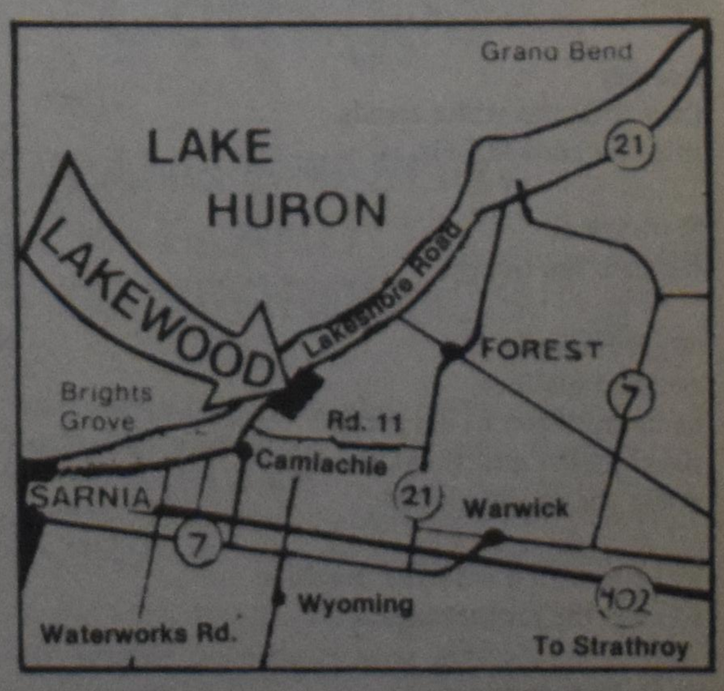

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Summer Poetry

B.C. Ferry

Passing the green-black islands
rugged in the sea,
the sun is reflecting silver,
the gulls gliding free.

Clouds are curled in strata
with sky showing through:
people are chatting and watching
the changes in the view.

Fishermen bounce in their outboards
as we lean on the rail;
the wind fights a seaman
struggling with a sail.

Saltspring Island slowly
unravels, bay by bay,
while the sky begins to brighten
to form a summer day.

West coast

Surrounded by B.C. mountains
I gaze awhile and think:
the better things of life
come in wavy sequentials,
although it seems that even
this cannot be proved.

Or have you not been moved
by the peaks, so free when
some of the non-essentials
are erased: when rife
with sound and taste we link
our minds to the rivers' fountains?

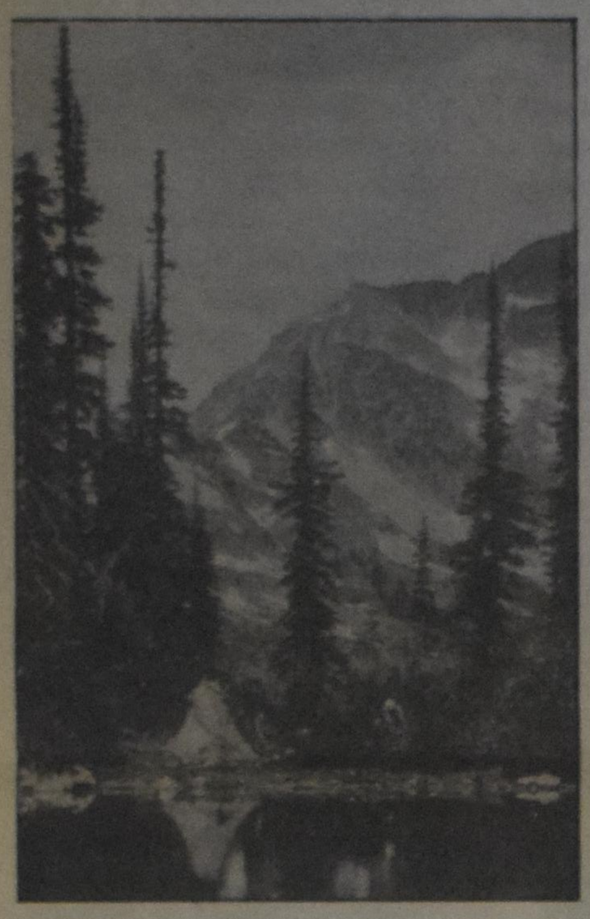
Stanley Park, Vancouver, B.C.

In the park the artists
caringly stroke their canvas.
Let me sit among you
and write these lines at last.

Sketching even as you
the green stuff of nature,
trying also to capture
the sunlight of the view

each of us at his canvas
watched by a few.

B.C. poetry by Frank Sawyer, Tegucigalpa, Honduras



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Mosquitoes

Lord, Your mosquitoes
  are driving me crazy tonight!
I try to rest
  here in this woodland spot,
so quiet, so lovely,
  so filled with your tranquillity —
but rest I cannot
  for this buzzing throng
of tiny, needled dive-bombers
  all declaring war
  on me.

If only they would bite me and have done!
  But no, they whine,
hovering near and nearer,
  then receding,
only to reappear
  just as I start to drowse.
I slap, I miss,
  thoroughly roused;
they sting, and then make off,
  only to renew the attack
    from another direction.

Lord, why did you make mosquitoes
  the serpent
    in this paradise of beauty?

Hush! It was man that sinned,
  and nature fell perforce;
Nature that still awaits
  with earnest expectation
the redemption of our body,
  when it, too, shall be freed
    from sting of sin.

And in the meantime, I have made mosquitoes
  and other noxious insects

to serve as food
    for orioles.

Margaret Clarkson, Toronto, Ontario

Photo: C.C. files

The carrousel

For joy
the carrousel circled
round
and the music played
light.

For joy
they rode the white steeds
into the cool fall air.

With care
he took the tickets.

A gentle smile
covered his face,
as he hunched in his green
plaid jacket and sneakers
while the music played;

as he wrestled with the machine
to stop the momentum;

as he bent to place
the stepping bench.

He seemed to serve
for joy

Linda Siebenga, Blackfalds, Alberta

Birds

Birds are endlessly busy ... in their unlimited sky there's a bit of the Kingdom, no limits, no subdivisions ...

There's no wind strong enough, no Kingdom wind strong enough, to catch their wings in a downward spiral, so that their beaks are split upon the rocks of the earth.

They trip ... but not each other. They leave enough room for each of them — unlike people. And when they soar, you wonder whether they too know that not a wing or feather shall fall from their bodies without the will of the Father.

Author unknown

Summer Reading

Summer reading — for kids!

Photo: C.C. files

In our annual vacation issues, Calvinist Contact tries to provide a list of suggested books for your summer reading enjoyment. This year, book editor Bob Vander Vennen, asked Margaret Rupke and Christine Farenhorst-Praamsma to suggest books of special interest to children. They overwhelmed us with suggestions! We are pleased that there are so many good children's books on the market and are pleased to print the following list and capsule reviews.

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Christine Farenhorst-Praamsma recommends:

Things to do

A series of "know how" books has been published by Hayes Publishing in Burlington, Ontario. These books not only excite a child's imagination, but set him to work. They have clear, colourful illustrations and simple explanations and are well-suited for children 7-12 years. Titles include: **The Know How Book of Experiments; The Know How Book of Fishing; The Know How Book of Jokes and Tricks; The Know How Book of Flying Models.**

Science Works: An Ontario Science Centre Book of Experiments lets kids explore, experience and enjoy science. All they need for the dozens of simple experiments is their curiosity and some ordinary household items. Another science book is **Looking at Insects** by David Suzuki and Barbara Hehner. It is a wonderfully illustrated, fascinating field trip through the insect world. It is filled with amazing facts and simple projects. Children can find out how fireflies light up the night sky and how crickets broadcast the temperature. This is one in a series of David Suzuki's books for children.

Staring into the night sky has always filled children with awe. *Star Guide* treats their questions about stars with clear, precise and entertaining answers. The easy-to-follow guides to the constellations will help readers from 8-11 years learn about the sky.

Owl's **Amazing but True #1** and **#2** contain hundreds of weird and wonderful facts for children about the world around them. Owl's **Fun Book for Spring, Summer and Fall** is brimming with ideas and facts to fill many summer days. Puzzles, stories, comics and things to make and learn, pack each colourful page.

For puzzle fans, **The New York Times Children's Word and Games and Crossword Puzzles** book is great. It introduces children to crossword puzzles and other word games. It is lots of fun for budding word enthusiasts. Two editions of the book are available, one for 7-9 year olds and one for 9 years and up.

Tricks and Games with Paper is a book of 14 easy-to-fold models that move. Children can learn how to fold a sheet of paper into a frog that really jumps. The longest recorded jump for a frog of this design is 1.76 metres! Easy-to-follow diagrams and accompanying texts explain how each of the projects are made.

Sticky Fingers: The Healthy Cookbook for Kids by Lisa and Kirsten Bevelander is a fun-filled book of nutritious and delicious recipes designed for children's tastebuds. Let your child whip up his own Crisp Critters! Poems, stories, riddles and colourful illustrations enhance the recipes designed for children ages 6-12.

April showers not only bring May flowers but also lots of delightfully messy mud puddles. Every child knows how mud puddles just won't leave you alone when you go out to play. **Mud Puddle** by Robert Munsch is fun to read with 3-7 year olds. While vacationing, **The Cottage at Crescent Beach** by Ann Blades lets you enjoy a day of collecting, exploring and playing. Then the day is topped off with a bonfire at the beach. Good for children 3-7 years old.

Stories to enjoy

Otto the Bear by Ivan Gantschev is a gentle story of friendship for children ages 4-8. Otto is an unusual bear. He and his neighbour, the woodsman, are great friends. When the old man dies and a new woodsman takes his place, all that changes.

From The Netherlands comes the award-winning **The Yellow Thread Adventure** by Annemarie and Margriet Heijmans. It is the story of young Lena who catches her yellow dress on a nail when she goes to visit her aunt. The reader follows her up trees and through valleys as her dress unravels behind her! Luckly for Lena, Aunt Polly follows, knitting as fast as she's running. For ages 4-7. Also for this age group is **The Spaghetti Word Race** by Frank Etherington. This is the story of Jaco who spends a lot of his time lazily lying in the grass — thinking. How do all those words and voices travel along the miles of telephone? How is it possible? Another story for this age is, **There's a Nightmare in my Closet** by Mercer Mayer and his newer release, **There's an Alligator Under my Bed.** Both are funny night-time adventures.

For the 7-13 age group

Monica Hughes' **Blaine's Way** is about a 13-year-old boy who lives with his grandparents on a small dairy farm. He's often lonely and uncomfortable with himself. All that changes when he meets Goldie, a dog who happened by on a Saturday walk. Another story of a child alone is **Julie of the Wolves** by Jean C. George. This is a moving story of a 13-year-old Inuit girl's courage to survive, alone and lost, on the north slope of Alaska.

On Stage Please by Veronica Tennant, is the story of Jennifer who pursues her dreams to become a professional ballerina. Readers are given a peek into the wonders and realities of the world of ballet.

A magic finger can be a very dangerous thing. **The Magic Finger** by Roald Dahl is a remarkable fantasy story. A classic story for children's imaginations is **Charlotte's Web** by E.B. White. It lets the reader be part of the barnyard scene as Charlotte the spider saves Wilbur the pig's life. One last classic is **Soup** by Robert Newton Peck. This book, often referred to as a book for boys, chronicles the escapades of a young New England boy growing up.

★★★★

Margaret Rupke recommends:

Beginning readers

For those just beginning to read, **The Very Hungry Caterpillar** by Eric Carle is easy and fun. Every page is a colourful surprise. Have older kids read it to a little brother or sister. Children will love the caterpillar who "eats" through the pages and soon they will read it themselves!

If kids like jokes (age 4-6 humour), try Bernard Wiseman's **Morris has a Cold.** Morris wants Boris to feel his hot "ONE head," not FOREhead, because, he says, "I don't have four heads."

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Pine tree

Margaret Clarkson

It must be 15 years since the pine tree fell, blown over during a violent summer storm. Fully 65 feet high, it had stood at the river's edge for as long as I could remember, perched precariously on what appeared to be little more than an outcropping of rugged Precambrian rock. I had often wondered how such a scant cover of earth as lay in the hollow of the rock could support roots strong enough to sustain that splendid tree. Yet there it had flourished, year after year, growing in grace and splendor, richly needled and lustrously green.

And now it lay on its side at the water's edge. Its massive roots, so strongly intertwined with the earth that had supported them, had pulled loose from the rock. Now they lay, earth and roots grotesquely twisted together, exposed to sun, wind and rain. How sad to witness the demise of so noble a tree!

Yet, strangely enough, the whole summer passed without the needles turning brown or beginning to drop. "Won't last the winter," predicted the local savants; but it did. Next summer it was fresh and green as ever — and the following summer, and the summer after that. In all, 15 summers and winters have passed over that tree that should have been dead years ago, and its vigor shows no sign of abating. It even produces pine cones on branches lying horizontally along the rock.

One day I found out the reason. I paddled to the shore and made a careful survey of those roots. I found that while most of them were pulled up and lay tangled helplessly in their ball

Photo: C.C. Files

of dried earth, two long, strong roots went down through narrow clefts in the rock to drink of the rich reservoir of nutrients that abounded far below. The sparse root-ball had done little more than balance the tree; it had never fed it. When the storm came, that earth with its shallow rootage was torn loose. The tree fell, but it was still nourished through the two roots that reached down through the rock to the source of supply below. And although the tree will never stand upright again, it will be many, many years before it dies or ceases to bear fruit after its kind.

And I, who have built my house of life on the Rock Christ Jesus, where are my roots? Do they grasp mere earth, or do they reach down through the cleft of the smitten Rock to be grounded in Him?

Author Margaret Clarkson lives in Willowdale, Ontario. This meditation is reprinted from: All Nature Sings.

Rainy day activities for campers

Although the following activities are mostly geared to large group cabin campers, they can be adopted or adapted by smaller groups camping in tents or trailers.

Acclimatization activities
Biggest liars' club — determine the three biggest tall tales in each cabin and have playoffs
Bottle plants
Camp improvement project
Change cabin furniture around
Charades
Conduct a good grooming class
Decorate cabin
Design a cabin shield and motto
Dig for fishing worms
Do cabin program planning for tomorrow
Dress up for supper
Exchange experiences e.g. most embarrassing
Exchange riddles
First Aid practice — teach and learn skills from each other
Follow animal tracks
Games in the lodge
Geography bee
Gymnastics
I spy
Indoor treasure hunt
Invite another cabin group over
Kidnap the Director
Learn lashing and work on projects
Letter writing
Live an adventure theme
Make: Cabin scrapbook, funny hats, gifts, model of the camp, musical instruments, posters.
Mud fight
Music hour
Musical bunks
Plan a party with another cabin
Plan a skit
Play table games in cabin
Pocket census
Practise fire building in the rain
Puddle hike
Puppet show
Reach for the top
Reading
Reverse Simon Says
Scavenger hunt for dry things
Secret codes
Secret messages to the future
Shower in the rain
Sleep
Snowball fights in cabin (with paper balls)
Story telling
Teach artificial respiration
Tell a progressive story
THE BAND — make and play instruments
Water slide on front hill
Who am I? (imitate camp personalities)
Worship time for your cabin
Wrestling
Write poems

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Camp KE-MON-OYA

What is Christian Camping?

- ★ Camping is having fun in the out-of-doors.
- ★ Camping is learning to appreciate plant and animal life, as we find it in the great out-of-doors.
- ★ Camping is learning about our responsibilities in God's creation.
- ★ Camping is enjoyment in acquiring skills such as swimming, canoeing, sailing, camp crafts, etc.
- ★ Camping is a time of sharing, caring, relating to others in a meaningful way, making new friends.
- ★ Camping is a time of relaxation, just listening to the sounds of nature.
- ★ Camping is an experience of growing up and maturing physically, mentally, socially and spiritually.
- ★ Camping is campfires, sing-songs, an expression of joy.
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Session 4: August 10 - August 22
Session 5: August 24 - August 29

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Teaching God's truths through nature

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something like taking a responsibility or a job in church. Spread your roots by giving of your time, energy and money towards a charitable organization.

Roots initiate growth

If our roots, our senses, are well-grounded in the activities and thought of the Lord, we will be able to withstand the tests of the storms and temptations.

"Rooted in Christ" means to grow. Growth comes in spurts. Watch a cactus during the rainy season. It swells — takes in as much moisture as possible and stores it up. When our spiritual growth is going well, take it all in and store it up — memorize God's word — grow into His knowledge and His love.

Read Colossians again. "And, now just as you trust Christ to save you, trust Him too, for each day's problems, live in vital union with Him. Let your roots grow down into Him and draw up nourishment from Him. See that you go on growing in the Lord, and become strong and vigorous in the truth you were taught." (Living Bible)

The results of being "rooted in Christ" are found in Ephesians 3:17-19. (NIV) First of all, you will grasp the depth of Christ's love. Secondly, we will know the love that surpasses all knowledge. And, thirdly, if our senses reach out to Christ for nourishment, we will be filled with the fullness of God.

A challenge — a spiritual truth — a biblical principle — that our thoughts and mind be rooted and grounded in Christ.

Next time you stroll along and see some exposed root of trees, take a little time and share some of these ideas with your campers.

For more ideas about trees and spiritual truths, read: As a Tree Grows by Phillip Keller. (Fleming Revell-Spire Books).

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Summer Reading

Summer reading — for kids!

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If your children have never read the **Frog and Toad** books by Arnold Lobel, they haven't met two very different, but good friends.

These books and another one by P.D. Eastman, **Are You My Mother,** are all fun for children to read aloud to a little sister or brother, or have read to them.

Something a bit harder might be **Bread and Jam for Frances** by Russell Hoban. Maybe Frances will remind your children of someone they know — all she will eat is bread and jam. Find out how her family solves the problem.

If your kids think it's fun to sleep out in the woods at the cottage all by themselves, read about how Christopher makes out on such an adventure in: **Sleep Out** by Carol and Donald Carrick. Rumer Godden's **Mousewife** has wonderful, detailed illustrations. This is a story of a mouse's wife who is a bit different from other mice — she wants more from life than scraps and crumbs for survival.

Once children get pretty good at reading, you'll find many books to choose from. Two familiar authors, Judy Blume and Beverly Cleary, write about familiar, annoying or humorous happenings in any child's life. For example, how do you deal with a bothersome brother or a pesky sister? Some of their books are: **Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing** and **Superfudge** by Judy Blume and **Ramona the Pest** and **Henry Huggins** by Beverly Cleary.

A little more difficult

Hergé's **Adventures of Tintin** books are a delight both to look at and to read. Written in comic book style, they are jam-packed with high adventure. Tintin is a young reporter who has incredible adventures all over the world. One minute he's safely minding his own business, the next he's thrown into a terrible jam, and the next he has a miraculous escape. There is humour, often sophisticated, built into nearly every sentence and drawing. If your kids leave one of these books lying around, they might be surprised to find Mom or Dad fully absorbed in it! Two of the best Tintin books are **The Secret of the Unicorn** and **Red Packham's Treasure.**

A book you must read is **The Wheel on the School** by Meindert De Jong. When six school children start to question why storks no longer come to their Dutch village, things begin to happen. Before long the whole village gets involved in the happy project of bringing storks back to Shora. Another book by the same author, **The House of Sixty Fathers,** is dramatic and emotional. When the Japanese destroyed Tien Pao's village in China in World War II, he and his pet pig get separated from his family. The story is about his unbelievable courage as he travels through occupied China trying to find them again. Kids will either laugh or cry at the end. The books are excellent read-alouds.

Jean Little's **Lost and Found** is a little simpler to read. When you move to a new neighbourhood, one of your kid's main worries could be finding new friends. Lucy Bell has this concern but she befriends a lost dog instead. She hopes she can keep it and in the end must make a hard choice. But through it all, she finds at least one new school friend.

Another sensitive book by Little, **Fran Anna,** is more complex. If it is hard to move to a new neighbourhood, what if you moved to a new country as well? Have children talk to grandparents who may have had experiences like Anna Solden's. When Anna's family moves from Germany to Canada before WWII she has many adjustments to make, not the least of which is the discovery that she has serious eyesight problems and will have to attend a special school. Anna will become like a friend as children read how she adjusts to her new situation. Read also the sequel, **Listen for the Spring. Spring.**

Adventure

An enjoyable, time-travel story is Barbara Smucker's **White Mist.** Two Indian children are sent back in time to discover more about their heritage. They learn why their lake is polluted and what must be done about it. Another captivating story by the same author, **Underground to Canada,** also takes place in the 19th century. Two black slave girls struggle to get to Canada from the United States.

Photo: C.C. files

One of the best stories about boys and dogs has to be Wilson Rawls' **Where the Red Fern Grows.** Billy loves and trains his two coon puppies until they are sharp hunting dogs. This is a beautiful story of love and adventure children won't forget.

Three short books in the **Wambu** series (by Piet Prins) will take the reader into the fascinating world of the New Guinea rainforest with a young member of a shrinking tribe of cannibals. Wambu, son of the village chieftain, is learning many things about this jungle home, including the superstition and terror taught by the witch doctor. A new influence enters Wambu's life when his family adopts Sirja, a young Christian convert kidnapped from another tribe. Wambu's struggles, which result from inter-tribal raids, and the struggle within his heart between his new friend Jesus and his oppressive spirit world, run together through the three volumes. Prins gives his readers a wonderful story of Christian foreign missions from the viewpoint of a young man who receives salvation. The books in order are: **The Chieftain's Son, In the Valley of Death** and **Journey to Manhood.** These are magnificent volumes to share, so you may want to read them aloud.

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Happy reading!

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GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — While most students scramble for summer jobs to earn next year's tuition, Calvin College student, Jim Ayers will bike across 3,000 miles of the U.S. raising money for others.

Jim, and his friend Greg Franson, both of Santa Ynez, California, plan to witness and raise funds for Habitat For Humanity, an international, non-profit Christian housing ministry (see box). Habitat, through gifts and loans, builds and renovates homes and sells them at affordable prices and at 0 per cent interest rates to those who are inadequately sheltered. The house payments are recycled to build more houses. Although Habitat is international, the funds raised by Jim and Greg will be used towards the organization's 1,000-homes goal in the U.S. for 1987.

Jim is a freshman at Calvin College studying physical education, and Greg is a Junior at Santa Ynez High School. With the encouragement of their Presbyterian pastor, Jim and Greg organized their trip, called Homeward Bound, and plan to start cycling June 30. They hope others will also decide to take part. "This is a unique project, one that combines an evangelical mission with a fund drive for the needy in our own communities," said Jim. "We realize there is a need for both these things."

The young men plan to begin their trip in Boston and will pass through major cities such as New York, Washington, Des Moines, Denver and Los Angeles. They will stay a day or two in each centre, proclaiming the gospel, speaking to church groups and encouraging people to support Habitat.

To date, no others have planned to join Jim and Greg, and they know of no other similar project for Habitat being under taken in either Canada or the U.S. Jim has promised to send *Calvinist Contact* photos later this summer of him and Greg on their journey.

Photo: Habitat for Humanity

The first overseas project: Mbandaka, Zaire.

About Habitat for Humanity

Habitat is a non-profit Christian housing ministry, working in partnership with poor people to improve the conditions in which they are forced to live. It challenges others to provide the initial capital — through gifts and no-interest loans — to build or renovate simple, decent homes for the inadequately sheltered. Houses are sold at no profit, with a no-interest mortgage repaid over a fixed time period. The house payments are recycled to build more houses through a local Fund for Humanity chapter.

Each project is governed by a local interdenominational committee or board of directors. Habitat relies on volunteers and the home buyers for construction and administration of building projects.

History

In 1968, Millard Fuller, lawyer and businessman and Dr. Clarence Jordan, scholar and farmer, began work aimed at dealing practically with the problems of sub-standard housing in Georgia. With a no-profit, no-interest loan program and the assistance of many volunteers, Fund for Humanity was established.

In 1973 Fuller and his family moved to Zaire in central Africa and applied the housing project technique in the city of Mbandaka with the aid of the Church of Christ. It was a success, with 162 homes built. In 1976, Mompongo mo Imana, a Christian leader in Zaire, requested another project in the village of Ntondo, and construction was begun on 300 houses.

Upon returning to the U.S. in 1976, the Fullers hosted a conference where it was decided that this system of providing housing worked and Habitat for Housing was officially launched. Millard Fuller was appointed Executive Director.

There are now projects sponsored in Central And South America, the Caribbean, Africa, Asia and the Pacific. Monetary support for these projects comes mainly from the U.S., Canada and Europe, since there are few resources in developing countries for the initial capital to build houses.

Habitat has an office in Canada. If you would like more information, write to: Habitat Canada, P.O. Box 135, Thornhill, ON L3T 3N1. Or phone: (416) 889-0172.

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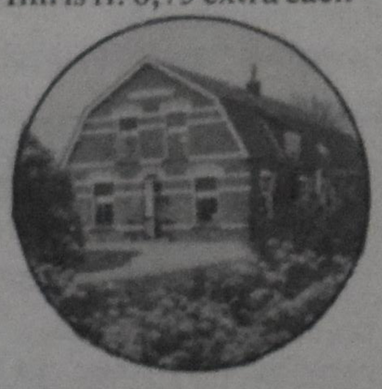

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Hot 100, a guide to student projects

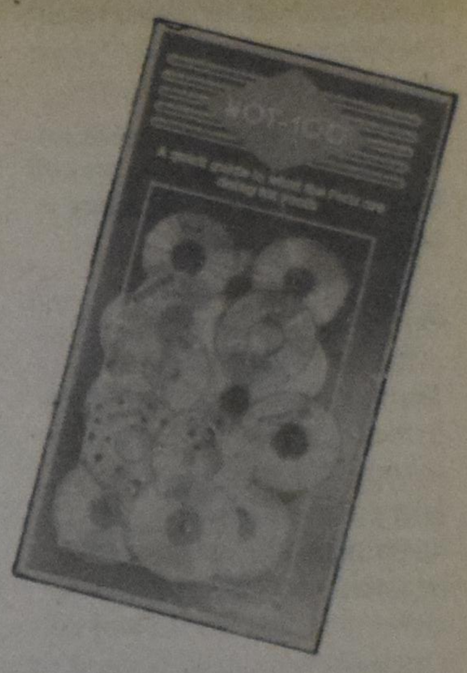
"You might be surprised at the number of programs, services and resources provided by the federal government that you can really use ..." This is an excerpt from the introduction to *HOT 100*, a publication released Jan. 26 by Jean Charest, Minister of State for Youth.

While many students participate in federally-funded programs each year, few know of the number and variety of opportunities open to them. Even fewer young people know where to go to enrol themselves in such programs. The HOT 100 handbook will heighten youth awareness and promote familiarity with the government.

"*HOT 100* is like a map of the federal government," says Mr. Charest. "Its objective is to help connect students with programs that are best suited to their individual interests."

The handbook's contemporary format is designed to appeal to young people. Information is arranged in condensed form, under well-chosen headings that get to the heart of the information that really counts. Each program description outlines requirements for enrolment, application deadlines and addresses for more information.

While browsing through *HOT 100* you may well be surprised at the assortment of youth-oriented programs available through the federal government. The Travel and Culture Section, for example, offers young people some extraordinary opportunities. Programs such as "Student Work Abroad" and "Student Working Holiday" make travel affordable by providing up to six months of work in places such as Japan, Australia and Ireland. This way, students are introduced to new cultures while earning a wage at the same time.



"This small booklet contains all the information students need to get in touch with the programs that interest them," says Jean Charest. "I am anticipating that *HOT 100* will be quite a success."

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Classifieds

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Births

ELLENS: With praise and thanksgiving to the Lord, Horace and Sylvia are pleased to announce the arrival of their fourth miracle of love, SEAN ANDREW, on Mar. 25, 1987. Brothers Kristopher, Mark and Robbie welcome him with love. Sean is the eighth grandchild of Mrs. Dieuwke Martens of Listowel, Ont., and 12th grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Luke Ellens of Beamsville, Ont.
Home address: 155 William St., Beamsville, ON L0R 1B0

VAN HUIZEN (nee Schinkel): With thankfulness to the Lord who made all things well, Harvey and Jacqueline announce the birth of their firstborn, a son, RYAN DANIEL, 8 lbs. 13 oz. on Thursday, Apr. 9, 1987. Very proud first-time grandparents are Bill and Janny Van Huizen of Amhustburg, and Gerry and Ruth Schinkel of Essex. Proud first-time great-grandmother is Mrs. F. Moraal of Sarnia and 34th for Mrs. T. Schinkel of Chatham.
56 Victor St., Essex, ON N8M 1J7

WESTERHOF: With joy in our hearts, giving thanks to the Lord, we, Jacob and Louise (nee Hoorntje) are pleased to announce the birth of our first child and precious daughter, HILARY JOY; born Jan. 8, 1987, 7 lb. 4 oz. 19½ inches. Hilary is the sixth grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. S.J. Hoorntje, second grandchild for Mr. F. Westerhof, 16th great-grandchild for Mrs. I. Tiesma, 16th great-grandchild for Mr. H. Hoorntje, eighth great-grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. J. Westerhof and third great-grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. A. DeGroot.

Marriages

HOFTYZER-MULDER: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hoftyzer are happy to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter CHERYL to TIM Mulder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lucas Mulder. The ceremony will take place, D.V., on Friday, May 1, 1987, at 7:30 p.m., in the Drayton Chr. Ref. Church. Rev. D. Velthuizen officiating.
Future address: R.R.#2, Moorefield, ON N0G 2K0

Miscellaneous

Durham Region Right to Life Association has audio and video materials as well as speakers available for students, teachers, clubs and churches, etc. For info. (416) 668-7911.

Anniversaries

Congratulations to William and Maria T. De Boer (nee Hofing) who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, D.V., on May 8, 1987.

1937 May 8 1987
With gratitude to God, we are pleased to announce the 50th wedding anniversary of our parents and grandparents,

WILLIAM and MARIA T. DE BOER
(nee Hofing)

We pray for many more happy years together.
With love from the children:
Arny & Richard Hanenburg — Englewood, Colorado
Richard & Linda De Boer — Coquitlam, B.C.
Rudy De Boer — Edmonton, Alta.
John & Anne-Marie De Boer — Kampen, The Netherlands
Mickey & Ivan Wilson — St. Albert, Alta.
and 13 grandchildren.
The family hopes to celebrate the anniversary in August at a reunion in the Colorado Rockies.
Home address: 825 - 11445 - 135 St., Edmonton, AB T5M 3M6

Burgwerd "1 Cor. 13" Strathroy
With happiness and thanksgiving to God, we hope to celebrate the 55th wedding anniversary of our dear parents,

JELLE and JIKKE DE SCHIFFERT
(nee de Boer)

We pray that the Lord will continue to bless you in the years to come.
With love:
Sipke & Joke de Schiffert — Strathroy
Ben & Kelly; Bradley, Jeffrey, Sarah
Simone & Henry; Jo-Lyen
Jerome
Janice
Oscar de Schiffert & Barb — Strathroy
Albert & Edith de Schiffert — Strathroy
Jennifer & Brian
Engeline Huisman — Cambridge
Jim
Ingrid & Grant
Ken
An open house will be held, D.V., May 9, 1987, from 3-5 at the Westmount CRC, Drury Lane, Strathroy.
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GEERT and GEERTJE
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(nee Rosema)

45 years — April 30, 1987
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Best wishes only, please.

1927 May 11 1987
With joy and thanksgiving to our heavenly Father for His love and goodness, our parents, grandparents and great-grandparents,

JOHANNES and IEMKJE DEVRIES
(nee Komrij)

hope to celebrate, D.V., on May 11, their 60th wedding anniversary.
We pray that the Lord will continue to bless them and keep them in His care.
With love from their children:
Hein & Tea DeVries — Leersum (U)
Hans & Welmoed; Nynke, Iemie, Jan, Gé
Great-grandchildren: Hein, Douwe
Hille & Willemien DeVries — Amsterdam
Hans, Willemyn, Arie
Hendrik & Koen DeVries — DeTike (Fr.)
Ankje, Iemkje
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Gauw Jarvis
1942 May 9 1987
With praise and thankfulness to God, we wish to announce the 45th wedding anniversary of our parents and grandparents,

WIEBE and GEESKE DEVRIES
(nee Lenos)

We pray that God will continue to guide and bless you with good health.
With love and gratitude:
Roelie Veldhuis; Maurice, Wayne, Glenda — Caledonia, Ont.
John & Henrietta De Vries; Loretta, Wendy, Vicky — Watson Lake, Yukon
Annie & Harry Bergshoeff; Joy, Daniel, Matthew, Mark — Mississauga, Ont.
Dick & Liz De Vries; Melanie, Wesley, Tracy, Lindsay, Bethany — Nanticoke, Ont.
Arlene & Lambert Stegeman; Gregory — Surrey, B.C.
Bob & Lori-Ann De Vries; Chantal — Caledonia, Ont.
Wendy & Karl Weaver; Samantha, Sarah — Nanticoke, Ont.
Open house will be held at Jarvis Chr. Ref. Church, on Saturday, May 9, 1987, D.V., from 2-4 p.m.
Best wishes only, please.
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Congratulations!

Congratulations to Ralph and Wilma Hoekstra (nee Petrusma) who will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary, D.V., on April 28, 1987.

1962 April 27 1987
On Apr. 27, 1987, we hope to celebrate, the Lord willing, the 25th wedding anniversary of our parents,

ANTON and JENNIE DEWEERD
(nee Snyder)

May the Lord continue to bless them and be near them always.
With love from your children and grandchild:
Ken & Diane; Jennifer
Kevin & Emily (girlfriend)
Chris & Michelle (girlfriend)
Colin
Cheryl
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Dedemsvaart Waterloo
1952 April 24 1987
We are happy to announce the 35th wedding anniversary of our parents and grandparents,

BERT and TINA HAKKERS
(nee Stryker)

With love from their children and grandchildren:
Hilda & Doug; David, Jackie — Homesville
John & Marg; Jason — London
Gerald & Nancy; Jud, Jesse — Blyth
Betty & Ron; Matthew, Kyle — Tavistock
Grace & Dale; Aaron, Anita — Stratford
Jim & Karen — Waterloo
Charlie & Charlene — Waterloo
Jo-Ann & Tom — Waterloo
Their wedding text: "In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths." (Proverbs 3:6)
Address: 479 Thorndale Dr., Waterloo, ON N2T 1J6

Cochrane Barrie
1962 May 5 1987
With joy and thanksgiving to the Lord, we hope to celebrate the 25th anniversary of our parents and grandparents,

ANTHONY and GRETHA
KISTEMAKER
(nee Douma)

We appreciate and are thankful for the love and understanding they have given to us.
Wendy (Gwendolyn)
Lori & Jim Oakley; Lisa
Andre
Ellie (Eleanor)
Open house will be on May 9th from 3-5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Essa Road Presbyterian Church, Barrie, Ont.
Best wishes only.
Home address: 202 Harvie Rd., Barrie, ON L4M 4S7

1932 April 28 1987
With praise and thankfulness to God, we hope to celebrate with our dear parents, grandparents and great-grandparents, on Tuesday, Apr. 28, 1987, their 55th wedding anniversary.

RALPH and WILMA HOEKSTRA
(nee Petrusma)

We pray that God may continue to bless them and keep them in His care.
With love from:
Frances & Ido Nydam
Wendy & Albert Horneman
Ernie
Ron & fiancee Peggy
Ken
Greg
Peter & Audrey Hoekstra
Wendy & Brian Van Ek
Bob
Jim
Susie
Arthur & Margo
Steven
Tim
Craig
Three great-grandchildren: Emily, Martin and Joal Horneman.
Home address: 40 Elm St., South Chatham Village, Apt. #103, Chatham, ON N7M 6A5

Maartensdijk Lacombe
1952 May 8 1987
With thanksgiving and praise, we are happy to announce the 35th wedding anniversary of our parents and grandparents,

GERRY and PITA DOORNENBAL
(nee Hoogendoorn)

Happy anniversary mom and dad, grandma and grandpa! We wish you many more blessed and happy years together.
Phil & Odette Doornenbal; Jennifer — Ottawa, Ont.
Ed & Joanne Doornenbal; Brent, Kendra — Neerlandia, Alta.
John & Deb Doornenbal; Robyn, Ashley — Sheldon, Iowa
Brian & Kathy Doornenbal; Erin, Heather — Edmonton, Alta.
Linda & Martin Mywaart; Beth, Lisa — Ft. McMurray, Alta.
Bob Doornenbal — Edmonton, Alta.
Friends will have the opportunity to offer congratulations on Sunday, May 10, 2 to 5 p.m. at mom and dad's home, 5450 - 49 St., Lacombe.
Best wishes only, please.
Mailing address: Box 1586, Lacombe, AB T0C 1S0

More anniversaries on next page.

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Anniversaries

Congratulations to Oebele and Abeltje Sytsma (nee Doll) who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, D.V., on May 7, 1987.

Katwijk aan Zee St. Catharines
1942 1987

With thanksgiving to God, we wish to announce the 45th wedding anniversary of our parents and grandparents,

GEORGE (Gerke)
and
GERTRUDE (Geertruida)
KAMPHUIS
(nee Parlevliet)

on May 5, 1987.
We thank God for their good health and happiness and wish them many more years of His richest blessings.
Proverbs 3:5,6.
Their children and grandchildren:
John & Donna Kamphuis; John, Lisa — St. Catharines, Ont.
Anna & Conrad Van Dijk; Tracy, Tim, Supriya, Sashi, Shanti — Shakespeare, Ont.
Jane (deceased 1960)
Mary & Roelof Kiers; Mark, Leo, Luke — Hoogeveen, Drenthe
Michelle & John Visser; David, Michael, Deborah, Jonathan — Belleville, Ont.
402 Geneva St., St. Catharines, ON L2N 2G8

1922 April 21 1987

We hope to celebrate with our parents,

HENDRIK and WILLEMKE KLOK

their 65th wedding anniversary.
May the Lord bless them in the years to come.
With love from their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.
Their children:
Jan & Gerritje Klok — Smilde, Holland
Geesje Rispens — Hooghalen, Holland
Henry & Evelyn Klok — Abbotsford, B.C.
John & Jewel Klok — Taber, Alta.
Piet & Rika Zuidhof — Taber, Alta.
Hank & Helen Klok — Taber, Alta.
Bill & Jean Klok — Taber, Alta.
Bob & Alice — Taber, Alta.
35 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.
Address: Extended Care, Taber Health Care Complex, Taber, AB T0K 2G0

Oldehove St. Anns
1937 May 7 1987

With thankfulness to the Lord for all the years He has given them together, we would like to share with you our joy on the occasion of the 50th wedding anniversary of our parents, grandparents and great-grandparents,

OEBELE and ABELTJE SYTSMA
(nee Doll)

May the Lord continue to bless and keep them.
Love and congratulations from:
Jack & Justina Sytsma — Caledonia
Michael & Grace Koopman (nee Sytsma)
Dennis, Jacquelynne
Bernie & Natalie Sytsma — St. Anns
Linda, Orval, Steven, Rosanne
William & Jenny Sytsma — Holland, Mich.
Jim, Amy, Mark
Gary & Harmene Sytsma — Hagersville
Jerry, Marcy, Kim, Lisa
Peter & Jean Sytsma — Holland, Mich.
Susan, Jana
Home address: R.R.#1, St. Anns, ON L0R 1Y0

Andijk Dundas
1947 1987

With thankfulness and praise to our Lord, we are pleased to announce the 40th wedding anniversary which we celebrated on Apr. 10, 1987, with our dear parents and grandparents,

JAMES and CAROL PRINS
(nee Mantel)

We pray that the Lord will continue to bless you dad and mom in the years ahead.
Love from:
Gerry & Trudy; Brian, Sandra, Leanne — St. Thomas
Cor & Lovella — Hamilton
Andy & Emily (fiancee) — Hamilton
Tenus & Jeanette; Kenny, Stephanie — Troy
Jim & Brenda; Keith — Brantford
Pauline & Clarence Schuurman; Nicholas — Tillsonburg
Mike — Troy
"For the Lord is good and His love endures forever. His faithfulness continues through all generations." (Ps. 100:vs.5)
Home address: R.R.#1, Troy, ON L0R 2B0

Anjum, (Fr.) Orillia (Ont.)
1937 May 10 1987

WILLEM and KLASKE SCHENK

"How blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in His way." (Ps. 128)
On this happy occasion we'd like to thank you, for showing us the way!
Congratulations dad and mom, with your 50th wedding anniversary.
It is our prayer that the Lord will continue to bless and keep you for each other and for us.
With love from all of us!
Karl & Ineke; Caroline, Joyce, Bill, Rick
Alie & Piet Geus; Fred, Sylvia, Hilda
John & Audrey; Robert, Andrea
Johan & Cathy; Sherry, Michelle, Michael
Jelle & Rose; Joshua, Jennifer, Jacob
Home address: 96 Westmount Dr. N., Orillia, ON L3V 6C2

1952 May 8 1987

With much joy and thankfulness, we wish to announce the 35th wedding anniversary of,

WILLEM and AUDREY VAN HERK
(nee Griffioen)

May the Lord continue to bless you and keep you in His care.
Congratulations mom and dad, opa and oma. With love from:
Debbie & John Haanstra; Marsha, Ron, Daryl, Adrian, Steven, Leanne — Caistor Centre
Case & Wilma Van Herk; William, Kenneth, Jeffrey — Fruitland
Nelly Van Herk & Brad Hey (boyfriend) — Hannon
Joanne Van Herk & George Lindeboom (boyfriend) — Smithville
John Van Herk & Christine Mowatt (girlfriend) — Grimsby
Jim Van Herk — at home
Home address: R.R.#1, Caistor Centre, ON L0R 1E0

Congratulations to James and Maria Vander Kooy who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, D.V., on May 4, 1987.

The children and grandchildren of,

JAMES and MARIA
VANDER KOOY

wish to announce the 50th wedding anniversary of their parents and grandparents on May 4, 1987.
We thank God for parents who taught us that Jesus is "The Way, the Truth and the Life."
Congratulations and best wishes from:
Simon & Ina Vander Kooy — Simcoe, Ont.
Cathy & Jack Vander Veen — Brantford, Ont.
John & Jean Vander Kooy — Harriston, Ont.
Mary & Adrian Guldemond — Ancaster, Ont.
Corry & Arvin Vos — Bowling Green, KY
Jim & Chris Vander Kooy — Ancaster, Ont.
Elizabeth & Bob Roberts — Wheaton, IL
Jack & Margaret Vander Kooy — Simcoe, Ont.
Magdalena & Makhudu Mamabolo — Toronto, Ont.
Richard Vander Kooy — Toronto, Ont.
Peter & Olive Vander Kooy — Bangladesh
Caroline Vander Kooy — Toronto, Ont.
and 37 grandchildren.
You are invited to attend an open house in the "Clubhouse" St. Elizabeth Village, Rymal Rd., Hamilton on May 9, 1987, from 2-5 p.m.
Best wishes only, please.
Home address: 33 Father Biro Trail, Hamilton, ON L9B 1T8

Sneek Abbotsford
1937 May 24 1987

By grace alone, praise the Lord.
With joy and thanksgiving to our Lord, we wish to announce the 50th wedding anniversary of our parents,

HARRY and MARGARET
WIEBENGA
(nee Yntema)

We pray that the Lord will continue to strengthen and guide them in the years to come.
With love from your children, grand- and great-grandchildren:
Harry & Grace Wiebenga
Valerie & Phillip
Brian
Cindy & Stephen
Wendy & Leander
— Langley, B.C.
Ineke Wiebenga (Peter deceased)
Karina
Ian
David
— Delta, B.C.
John & Angie Wiebenga
Elaine
Michael
Debbie
— Terrace, B.C.
Margaret & John Vanderwal
Corrina & Dick
Jenny
Marie
Daniel
— Langley, B.C.
Sandra & Bill Van Dop
Trevor
Scott
Steven
Linda
— Ladner, B.C.
An open house is planned at the Abbotsford Second Chr. Ref. Church, 34631 Old Clayburn Rd., from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. on May 23, D.V.
Best wishes only. If you so desire, donations may be given to Bethesda Christian Association for the Handicapped.
Home address: 33133 Bourquin Cresc. W21, Abbotsford, B.C. V2S 6B1

Congratulations to Harry and Margaret Wiebenga (nee Yntema) who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, D.V., on May 24, 1987.

For Rent

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Personals

Chr. weduwe, 70 jr., eenzaam en in Nederland geboren, zoekt kennis met weduwnaar van dezelfde leeftijd, voor gezelligheid en eigen huis in Grand Rapids. Graag brieven met foto. File nummer 2459, Calvinist Contact, St. Catharines, ON L2R 4L3.

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"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God." (Romans 8:28)

1962 May 12 1987

We rejoice and give thanks to the Lord for His unfailing love shown to our parents as they celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary,

HANK and GEORGINA VANDEZANDE
(nee Barneveld)

May the Lord continue to bless you and keep you in His care. Congratulations mom and dad.
With love from your children:
Elisabeth (Lisa) — Calvin College
Gina — Calvin College
Darren — home
A reception will be held on Saturday, June 6, 1987, D.V., from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at home.
Home address: 833 Dufferin London, ON N5W 3J9

"God, who has called you into fellowship with His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful." (1 Cor. 1:9)

On the occasion of the 35th wedding anniversary of,

PETER and ANNA ZWART

married May 9, 1952, their children: Dick, Peter, Anita, Dave and Mark, give thanks to the Lord for this special celebration.
We and our spouses and children wish them God's richest blessings and our love and congratulations.
Home address: 5236 Verhoeven St., Burlington, ON L7L 3A9

Obituaries

Hasselt, The Neth. Chatham, Ont.
August 21, 1906 March 14, 1987

"Be faithful unto death and I will give you the crown of life. (Rev. 2:10b)

After a short illness the Lord took unto Himself our dear father, grandfather and great-grandfather,

GERRIT JAN BRINKMAN

at the age of 80 years.
Beloved husband of the late Alberdina Maria Brinkman-Huitink.
Dear father of:
John & Edith Brinkman — Chatham
Michael
Christine
Angela
Jonathan
Anita
Daniel
Chris & Eugene St. Croix — Wallaceburg
Debbie & Rick; Stephen
David
Michelle
Willie & Pete DeJonge — Chatham
Kim & John; Rochelle, Devon
Ken
Tammy
Henry & Jeanne Brinkman — Chatham
Tracy
Jennifer
Joe & Irene Brinkman — Chatham
Lisa
Lee Joseph
One brother and two sisters in The Netherlands. The funeral service was held at the Canadian Reformed Church, Chatham, on Monday, Mar. 16, 1987. Rev. J. Geertsema officiating.

The ladies' society "Be a Blessing" of the Clinton Chr. Ref. Church extends Christian sympathy to their member Hennie and her family in the passing away of husband, father and grandfather,

MARTIN POELMAN

on Apr. 5, 1987.
2 Corinthians 4:18.
"While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal."

Obituaries

Psalm 17:15.
The Lord has taken into His glory our beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather,

HARRY VAN ROOYEN

on Apr. 9, 1987, in his 88th year.
Beloved husband of Gertrude F. van Rooyen.
Dear father of:
Henk & Fya van Rooyen — The Neth.
Trudy & Alvin Smith
Elly & Niek DeRooy
— all of St. Catharines
John & Ena VanRooyen — Chatham
Adrian & Lynne VanRooyen — Atikokan
Also survived by 19 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren; 10 brothers and sisters.
Funeral service was held in Maranatha Chr. Ref. Church, on Apr. 11, 1987.
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Real Estate

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Help Wanted

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Full-time position available on **hog farm** in Vineland area starting May 10. Call (416) 563-8409.

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Help Wanted

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Help Wanted

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Dr. James R. Payton, Jr., Academic Dean
Redeemer College
Ancaster, ON L9G 3N6

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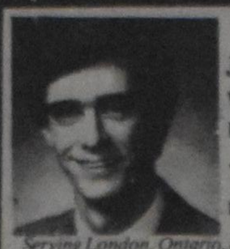
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Teachers

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AYLMER: Immanuel Christian School invites applications for possible teaching positions for the 1987/88 school year in **junior grades** and in **special education.** Preference will be given to applicants possessing the ability to teach French and/or music. Please send letter of application and resume to Mr. A. Vander Ploeg, Principal, 75 Caverly Rd., Aylmer, ON N5H 2P6 or call (519) 773-8476.

BOWMANVILLE: Durham Christian High School invites teachers to apply for the **math** and **English** positions; both full-time. Please send letter of reference, application and resume to: Ren Siebenga, R.R.#1, Bowmanville, ON L1C 3K2.

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FRUITLAND: John Knox Memorial Chr. School has 2 openings — one at **Kindergarten** level and one for **Grade 7** (70% or 100%). For more information and application forms contact: Julius de Jager, Principal, Fruitland John Knox Memorial Chr. School, Box 27, Fruitland, ON L0R 1L0; tel: (416) 643-2460.

Teachers

GRAND RAPIDS, MI: The Department of Physical Education, **Calvin College** is seeking applicants for a full-time tenure-track position as **Professor of Physical Education** beginning Fall of 1987. Coaching the women's volleyball and women's softball teams are included in the position. Candidates must have a Masters degree in Physical Education, but an earned doctorate is preferred. Calvin College is a four-year Liberal Arts Christian College. Send correspondence to Dr. James Timmer, Chairman, Department of Physical Education, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI 49506.

LUCKNOW: The Lucknow & District Chr. School invites applications for a **teaching principal** for the 1987/88 school year. Applications will also be received for a **Grade 1 & 2** full-time teaching position and also a part-time special education teaching position. Please send all letters of application to: Mr. Wm. Kamphuis, Principal, Lucknow and District Chr. School, Box 550, Lucknow, ON N0G 2H0. Phone: (519) 528-2116.

MEDICINE HAT: Growing interdenominational Christian school solicits applications for a **social/science** or **social/language** position on the junior high level for the 1987/88 school year. (Applicants qualified to teach French/music will have preference.) Please send inquiries and resume to: William Slofstra, 68 Rice Dr., S.E., Medicine Hat, AB T1A 7E4. Tel: (403) 526-3246 (school); (403) 526-7192 (home).

OSHAWA, Ont.: Immanuel Chr. School invites applications for two teaching positions in **K-8.** Ability to teach French, music, or computer would be an asset. Send application and resume to: Immanuel Chr. School, Principal, 849 Rossland Rd. West, Oshawa, ON L1H 7K4.

OTTAWA: Mathematics, English, Dramatic Arts, Carpentry. Full- or part-time. Attractive salary and benefits package. Send application and curricula vitae to: D. Maggs, Principal, Redeemer Chr. High School, 900 Merivale Rd., Ottawa, ON K1Z 5Z8. Phone (613) 722-1175.

ST. CATHARINES: Calvin Memorial Chr. School is inviting applications for a full-time or part-time **music teaching position** in the **elementary grades.** Please send your letter of application and resume to Miss T. Westerterp, Principal, Calvin Memorial Chr. School, 300 Scott St., St. Catharines, ON L2N 1J3. (416) 937-6302.

STRATFORD: Stratford and District Interdenominational Chr. School is in need of a **teaching principal** and a teacher for **combination of Grades 4-5-6.** Ability to teach French will be an asset. Send resume to: Mrs. J. Streutker, Secr., R.R.#1, Tavistock, ON N0B 2R0; for further information contact the school at (519) 393-5675.

Immanuel Christian School
Oshawa, Ont.
invites applications for the position of
TEACHING PRINCIPAL
Grades K-8.
Please send applications and resumes to:
Immanuel Christian School, Principal
849 Rossland Rd., West, Oshawa, ON L1H 7K4

Teachers

SURREY, B.C.: The Surrey Chr. School invites applications for possible teacher positions in **kindergarten** and **Grade 4** for the 1987/88 school year. Please send applications and resumes to the principal, A. Jansen, Surrey Chr. School, 9115 160th St., Surrey, B.C. V3R 4N4.

TERRACE, B.C.: Centennial Chr. School, located in Terrace, B.C., is inviting applications for possible openings in **K-7** for the 1987-88 school year. Centennial Chr. School, operating since 1967, has a present enrolment of 80 students. The school is located in the beautiful Skeena Valley and offers many dynamic opportunities. For further information please contact Frank Voogd, Principal, Centennial Christian School, 3602 Sparks St., Terrace, B.C. V8G 2V6. Phone: (604) 635-6173.

WALLACEBURG: Would you like to join a dynamic, developing, demanding school situation? **Wallaceburg Chr. School** announces a definite opening in **Grades 1 & 2** and a possible opening in **Grades 5 & 6.** Since this teaching position will involve teaching French in, possibly, Grade 4 to 8, demonstrated competence in this area will be a considerable asset to the applicant. Send resume and request for applications to: Mr. T.J. Tristram, Principal, Wallaceburg Chr. School, 693 Albert St., Wallaceburg, ON N8A 1Y8.

WASAGA BEACH: Silvercrest Chr. School has a position open for a **principal** beginning the 1987-88 school year. Send resumes to: Principal, Silvercrest Chr. School, Zoo Park Rd., Wasaga Beach, ON L0L 2P0; tel: (705) 429-4303.

WOODSTOCK: The John Knox Chr. School will have a **Grade 1** opening, also a possible opening in Grade 5 or 7 for the 1987/1988 school year. Applications and complete resumes may be sent to John Knox Chr. School, R. Vander Ploeg, Principal, 800 Juliana Dr., P.O. Box 243, Woodstock, ON N4S 7W8.

Summer Job Market

ABBOTSFORD, B.C.: I am a 22-year-old 4th year university student who wishes to have a job in the Lower Fraser Valley area for the summer. I am in elementary education and would like something in the area of teaching/working with young children (preferably in Grades 4-7). Other work experience includes strawberry boss, milking cows and tractor work, and waitressing. Will take anything else though. Own transportation. Interested? Phone Kelly Kool at (604) 852-4005; 39205 N. Parallel Rd., R.R.#4, Abbotsford, B.C. Canada V2S 4N4

ACTON: 17-year-old Grade 12 student wishes summer job. Have two years prior working experience on a dairy farm, and can operate tractors. For more information call (519) 853-0758 and ask for Anthony Looyenga.

ACTON: 19-year-old Redeemer College student seeking a summer job in the Acton area. Available May 11. Call (519) 853-2455 and ask for Annette on the weekends.

CAMBRIDGE: 19-year-old Redeemer College student seeks summer employment in Southern Ontario. I am willing to do almost anything. Write or call Sharon Timmerman, 61 Woodland Dr., Cambridge, ON N1R 2X7; (519) 621-4502.

Classifieds/Events

Summer Job Market

BRANTFORD: My name is Michael Bootsma and I am a third year student at Redeemer College. I am a hard worker, having helped on the home farm, working in construction and renovating and doing various odd jobs like chopping wood. I will be available for work at the beginning of June to the end of August. Please contact me at home at (519) 752-6316.

CAMLACHIE: 15-year-old high school student wishes a summer job preferably in the Sarnia-Wyoming area. Willing to try anything. Please phone 542-1963. Stewart Klazinga (jr.), R.R.#1, Camlachie, ON N0N 1E0

CANNINGTON: 18-year-old, University-bound student is looking for summer employment in Toronto. Have driver's licence and previous summer work experience. For more information contact Linda at 1-705-432-2508.

CLIVE, Alberta: 19-year-old second-year college student wishes a job in Alberta. Has experience cashiering, milking cows, and some small landscaping. I enjoy working out- and indoors, and working with children (pre-school to 9). In May, 1987, I will graduate from Dordt College with a two-year degree in Education-Teacher Assistant. For more information (before May 8) call 712-722-3735 or (after May 10) call 403-784-3670 and ask for Stephanie Vander Wekken.

COBOURG, Ont.: I am a third-year student at Calvin College. My major is sociology with a social work concentrate. I would like to find a summer job, preferably in the field I am studying. I should be home on Mar. 27 for a week. Please write me at Judy Rhebergen, R.R.#5, Cobourg, ON K9A 4J8; phone (416) 372-4149.

DRAYTON: 16-year-old student seeking summer employment. Will do anything. Experienced in dairy farming, babysitting and working in a store. Please call Denise at 638-2125.

EDMONTON: Third year history major from The King's College is seeking employment for May 1 to Sept. 1. I have a wide range of experience from coast to coast from Katimavik to SWIM, from farming to cooking. Interested? Phone Allan Groen at (403) 424-0234. Willing to relocate.

FENWICK: Seeking a job in: full-time nanny/housekeeper, live in. Preferably in Niagara region. With references.
Contact Leona Piepers, 1026 Church St., Fenwick, ON L0S 1C0; (416) 892-3243.

HAMILTON: 17-year-old Grade 12 student seeking employment as an electrical apprentice commencing July of 1987 in the Hamilton area. Have some experience but eager to learn. Call Dave Vuyk at 416-389-4047 anytime. References available upon request.

LYNDEN: I am a third year animal and poultry science major (Bsc. Agr.) at the University of Guelph, looking for a summer job in a related field. Please contact me, Jacob Ringelberg at (519) 647-2290.

MISSISSAUGA, Ont.: Strong 16-year-old, with some farm experience, seeks any kind of summer employment. Contact: Harry Tjoelker, 1198 Kingsholm Dr., Mississauga, ON L4Y 2H2; (416) 277-0576.

An ad in Calvinist Contact gets results!

Summer Job Market

OSHAWA: 2nd year Brock University computer science student looking for a computer related job in the Oshawa area. Have knowledge of basic Pascal, Cobol and Assembly and have experience working with IBM, PC, MacIntosh, VAX 11/780 and Commodore PET computers. For more information or for inquiries phone Jerry at (416) 934-2724 before Apr. 21 or (416) 579-1402 after Apr. 21.

Events

FOR JOY AND EXCITEMENT
Listen to the cassette tape of our
25th anniversary Praise and Thanksgiving Service.
Send $6 Canadian ($5 U.S.) to:
Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (CRWRC)
2850 Kalamazoo SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49560

Events

The Crisis in Central America

A Reformed Approach

A Conference co-sponsored by Calvin College Institute for Christian Studies

Discussion of liberation theology, the struggle for democracy, Indian self-identity, grassroots churches, church-and-society, and biblical hermeneutics.
Speakers from the Calvin Center for Christian Scholarships: Gordon Spykman, Michael Dodson, Lance Grahn, William Cook, Sidney Rooy and John Stam, with respondents obtained by the Institute for Christian Studies.

June 12-13, 1987

Location: Institute for Christian Studies
229 College Street, Toronto, ON M5T 1R4
Phone: (416) 979-2331

Write or phone for details.

Events

Friendship Conference

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 2, 1987
Guelph CRC, 287 Water St.

Speaker: Rev. T. Verseput, Administrator
Committee for Ministry with Retarded Persons
Seven Workshops — Fellowship

All who are involved or interested in Friendship Group Bible Studies for persons with mental handicaps are cordially invited. This conference may be the first step to establish a Friendship Group in your area.

Events

Come to the

"Spring Concert"

in St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral Toronto
on May 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Andre Knevel and Wim Van Suydam will play two organs at the same time — the Casavant pipe organ of St. Paul's and the Cantor 937, the largest electronic organ in Canada at this time.

Tickets can be obtained by sending $8.00 to:

D & W Intercontinental Music Inc.
R.R.#2, Norval, ON L0P 1K0

Tickets purchased at various outlets cost $7.50; at the door, $10.00. Seniors and students discount for all prices $2.50.
For more information call (416) 454-3442, or consult the Calendar of Events.

Summer Job Market

PARKHILL: I am soon to be a 16-year-old, Grade 11 student who would like to work in a garage, cleaning and helping out because I want to be a mechanic. I am very eager to learn and am a hard worker. I'd like to work anywhere in Ontario. Please call (519) 232-4488 and ask for Bonnie.

PETERBOROUGH: Carine Oussoren, a 19-year-old Redeemer College student is seeking summer employment. Is willing to do nearly every job. Has cash register and farming experience. Speaks fluent Dutch and has creative abilities. Available per May 1, 1987. Phone 648-2131, ext. 304 or at home: 705-799-5683.

PORT DOVER: 18-year-old Grade 12 student looking for work on dairy farm anywhere in Canada. Lives on a dairy farm and has two summers experience away from home. Phone 1-519-426-2813 and ask for Len.

ST. CATHARINES: I am a full-fledged carpenter (journeyman) now studying at Calvin College. I am interested in contracting for small carpentry jobs in my area during the months of June, July and August. Do you want a kitchen renovated or a sundeck made? Contact Ed Witvoet at 684-3991.

SEAFORTH: 18-year-old male seeking employment in the area of gardening. Has some experience in this area. Am also interested in trying out skills relating to forestry. Write to: Steven VandeBan, R.R.#1, Seaforth, ON N0K 1W0 or phone 1-519-527-0705.

SEAFORTH: Grade 12, 18-year-old male student seeking summer employment in the area of garden work. Write to Harvey Van de Ban, R.R.#1, Seaforth, ON N0K 1W0 or telephone (519) 527-0705.

Summer Job Market

STRATHROY: I am a 16½-year-old girl going into Grade 11 and would like summer employment. Will do almost anything. Write Joanne Jurjens, 412 Carrie St., Strathroy, ON N7G 3E2 or call 519-245-5618.

TRURO, N.S.: Housekeeper/nanny — energetic 18-year-old high school graduate looking for summer employment as housekeeper/nanny, anywhere. Have previous experience. Will cook, clean, babysit and do odd jobs. For more information write or phone Joan Kloosterhof, 337 College Rd., Truro, Nova Scotia B2N 2P7 (902) 895-7597.

VICTORIA, B.C.: Female, Grade 12 graduate is seeking employment as a live-in nanny/housekeeper with a French speaking Christian family in Montreal from July to December. Please reply to Carolyn Schenk, 4272 Moorpark Place, Victoria, B.C. V8Z 6P2

WELLAND, ONT.: Hi! I am a 20-year-old college student studying to be a social worker. I am looking for a job from May to July preferably in the Niagara Region or the Bowmanville/Oshawa area but I am willing to go elsewhere. Have my own transportation. Experience: cleaning offices and houses, working with the mentally handicapped, factory work and other areas. I am very willing to learn new things. For more info. write Darlene Borger, 33 Dufferin St., Welland, ON L3C 4K3 or phone 416-735-9817.

WINGHAM: 19-year-old girl looking for a summer job in office. Enjoys computers and anything to do with accounting. Enrolled at Conestoga College in the general business course. For more information please contact Liz Versteeg at (519) 271-9984. If no answer call (519) 357-2009.

Events

Calendar of Events

Apr. 27	First Graduation/Convocation of The King's College at 8 p.m. in Third CRC, **Edmonton,** Alta. Speaker: The Hon. David Russell. (**NOTE:** *date was changed from Apr. 24 to Apr. 27!!*)
May 1-3	Salem Marriage Enrichment Weekend at the Conference Centre, **Aurora,** Ont. For info. call (416) 528-0353.
May 1-3	Concerts by St. Thomas and District Male Choir: **May 1** at 8 p.m. in the CRC, **Blyth,** Ont.; **May 2** at 2:30 p.m. at Holland Chr. Homes, **Brampton,** Ont.; **May 2** at 7:30 p.m. in the CRC, **Barrie,** Ont.; and **May 3** at 8:15 p.m. in Knox Presb. Church, Hinck St., **St. Thomas,** Ont.
May 2	Spring concert for two organs by virtuoso organists Andre Knevel and Wim van Suydam; at 7:30 p.m. in St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral, 227 Bloor St. E., **Toronto,** Ont.
May 2	Graduation ceremonies for Class 1987 at Redeemer College, **Ancaster,** Ont. Starts at 2 p.m. Keynote speaker: Dr. Barbara Pell on "Faith, Discipleship and Truth." For info. call (416) 648-2313.
May 2	Concert by Acton/Georgetown/Guelph choirs in the CRC, **Guelph,** Ont. at 8 p.m.
May 2	Friendship Conference at the CRC, 287 Water St., **Guelph,** Ont. From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Workshops and fellowship. Speaker: Rev. T. Verseput.
May 3	Dutch Song Fest at 8 p.m. in South Chr. High, **Cutlerville,** MI. Dr. Jack Hielema will be MC. Join us to praise God's Holy Name!
May 5	Organist John W. Vandertuin in recital at the Cathedral of St. James, **Toronto,** Ont. at 1 p.m.
May 6	Can. Fed. of CR Women Convention 1987 at 10 a.m. in Bramalea Baptist Church (corner Dixie and Hwy. #7), **Brampton,** Ont. Speakers: Rev. Dick Pierik and Mrs. Thea Van Halsema. For tickets contact Wendy Ubbens, 900 Albion Rd., Rexdale, ON M9V 1A5.
May 8	25th Anniversary of the Grace CRC, **Welland,** Ont. (formerly Welland Junction CRC), at 7:30 p.m. at the church. All former pastors, members and friends are cordially invited.

Advertising Deadlines

Dated	Mailed	Display ad deadline	Classified ad deadline
Fri. May 1	Tues. Apr. 28	Wed. Apr. 22-8:30a.m.	Thurs. Apr. 23-8:30a.m.
Fri. May 8	Tues. May 5	Wed. Apr. 29-8:30a.m.	Thurs. Apr. 30-8:30a.m.
Fri. May 15	Tues. May 12	Wed. May 6-8:30a.m.	Thurs. May 7-8:30a.m.

Dutch

Lengte kerkeraadsvergadering gemeenschappelijke verantwoordelijkheid

E.J. Demoed

Hoe vaak zal niet op een kerkeraadsvergadering zijn afgesproken om de duur van de vergadering in het vervolg te bekorten? Reken er op dat dergelijke voornemens altijd serieus zijn en aller instemming hebben.

Want een vorige keer was het al weer zo rond middernacht geweest en na thuiskomst van de eerwaarde broeder of zuster (om over de weleerwaarde maar niet te spreken) zal de wederhelft wel hebben gemopperd over dat late tijdstip. Niet begrijpend waarom het allemaal "weer zo lang moest duren."

Vandaar het gemak waarmede op de laatste vergadering een voorstel van de praeses werd aangenomen om in het vervolg de vergadering om half elf te doen beeindigen. Jawel, de geest is best gewillig, vooral als er ten aanzien van die late thuiskomst een schuldbesef ten opzichte van man, vrouw of kinderen bestaat. Maar het vlees ...

Want misschien zal er de eerstvolgende vergadering al weer tegen dat besluit worden gezondigd, zodat de huisgenoten de volgende dag weer kunnen zingen: Des nachts om twaallef uren, daar kwam die rakker an. Of het wel eens is gebeurd dat huiswaarts kerende kerkeraadsleden na het middernachtelijk uur het lied (zachtjes) zongen: Ei, ziet de morgen krieken, is me niet bekend.

Lukt niet

Voor die langdurige vergaderingen kunnen allerlei redenen bestaan. Soms is er een overvolle agenda, hetgeen een praeses in het begin van de vergadering er reeds toe zal brengen voor te stellen om een extra vergadering in te lassen. Daar wordt door de leden dan soms bezwaard op gereageerd, hetgeen dan weer leidt tot het voorstel om het voor ditmaal toch maar weer wat later te maken. Waar blijven op dat moment dan de goede voornemens?

Soms gaat bij een langdurige vergadering de praeses — als regel is dat de predikant — niet geheel vrij uit, want niet allen bezitten zij de steen der wijzen om een vergadering naar een vlot einde te leiden. Vóór dat u echter nu uw eigen predikant er op aanziet dat hij (of misschien is het een zij) de vergaderingen niet 'deskundig' leidt, moet te hunner verontschuldiging worden opgemerkt dat het niet altijd mogelijk is dat doel te bereiken. Dat kan aan de aard van het te bespreken onderwerp liggen, maar ook aan de kerkeraadsleden.

Soms vraagt een onderwerp een goed doordachte meningsvorming, terwijl andere keren de leden van de raad te veel vrijheid krijgen en onnodig lang over een bepaalde zaak 'doorzagen.' Probeert nu een predikant de bespreking kort te houden, dan ontstaat mogelijk het verwijt dat hij/zij probeert de zaak er 'door te drukken.'

U begrijpt, dat er van de praeses veel wijsheid en soms geduld wordt gevraagd. Dat kerkeraadsvergaderingen niet altijd gladjes verlopen, kan ook een gevolg zijn van de vergadertechniek. Behalve het stipt op tijd beginnen — laatkomers wennen er wel aan om in het vervolg op tijd aanwezig te zijn — kan veel tijd worden gewonnen door de notulen niet ter vergadering te doen voorlezen (jammer voor de scriba met zijn mooie stem en intonatie), maar deze in gestencilde vorm tevoren met de agenda aan de leden toe te zenden.

Die notulen kunnen ook bescheiden worden gehouden, want geen scriba zal het werk tot tevredenheid van alle leden verrichten. Als ze kort zijn gehouden, moeten ze uitvoeriger met alle argumentaties en liefst ook met de namen erbij van degenen die vragen stelden of opmerkingen maakten. Zijn ze lang, dan zijn er weer andere bezwaren, zoals: wat heeft het nageslacht er aan te weten wat alle overwegingen waren of wie iets heeft gezegd. Om nog maar niet te vergeten dat er allerlei opmerkingen kunnen komen over het genotuleerde in de zin van: zo heb ik dat niet gezegd of bedoeld.

Waar niet op kan worden beknibbeld is het openen en sluiten van de vergadering, welke in een kort verslag voor de plaatselijke kerkbode als regel wordt aangeduid met: "Op de gebruikelijke wijze." Evenmin kan worden beknibbeld op een korte koffiepauze, mits deze inderdaad kort blijft.

Voor de rest is de lengte van een vergadering een zaak van gemeenschappelijke verantwoordelijkheid, waarvoor moeilijk voorschriften zijn te geven. Wel is op sommige plaatsen in het verleden getracht om door middel van het invoeren van een boetestelsel de zaak in goede banen te houden.

Overgenomen uit: Centraal Weekblad, 28 maart 1987.

Emmaüs

Hun stemmen waren bits geweest
Tegen den vreemden vreemdeling.
Nu schreden ze met stillen geest
Nevens hem door de schemering

Ze zaten in de schemering
En het gezegend avondbrood
Ontviel de hand die het ontving —
En Hij ontvlood

Want zij herkenden; en ontdaan
Zochten zij blij Zijn jongeren weer.
Toen, in hun midden, als de maan
Tussen de sterren, rees de Heer.

Willem de Merode

Geachte Redactie van C.C.:

Naar aanleiding van "De Hand-druk" door J. Wilschut (of Dominee Wilschut) in *Calvinist Contact* van 27 maart 1987, zou ik graag het volgende naar voren brengen.

In Holland hadden we ook elke zondag een dienstdoende ouderling, die de dominee de hand drukte wanneer hij de kansel beklom. Ik ben het dan ook volkomen eens met wat Wilschut schrijft aangaande de sterkte die hem werd toegewenst. Het was echter ook de gewoonte om na de dienst die handdruk te herhalen, wat dan inhield dat de ouderling het volkomen eens was met de bediening des Woords. Maar het kon gebeuren, en naar ik meen is het soms ook gebeurd, dat de ouderling de hand die werd uitgestoken wiegerde, ten aanzien van de hele gemeente. Daar gaat het mij nu om.

Toen we in Canada kwamen, werd die gewoonte gehandhaafd. Maar op de eerste kerkeraadsvergadering, die geleid werd door wijlen Missionary Ds. John Gritter, bracht hij dit punt ter sprake en zei: "Broeders, ik zie dit als een slechte gewoonte," doelende op de handdruk na de dienst. "Wanneer de dienstdoende ouderling het niet met mijn preek eens is en mij de hand onthoudt, is het direct bekend aan de hele gemeente. Dit is volgens mij niet Bijbels," aldus Ds. Gritter.

Als kerkeraad, misschien wel niet helemaal in zijn geheel overtuigd, hebben we toch naar hem geluisterd en heeft er sindsdien geen handdruk vóór of ná de preek bij ons plaatsgehad.

Het is al meer dan 35 jaar geleden dat wij uit Holland emigreerden. Nu we toch over het verschil van Holland en hier praten, schiet me het volgende in gedachten. Daar was het ook de gewoonte, dat een huwelijk kerkelijk werd ingezegend en dan moest de kerkeraad minstens door één ouderling en één diaken vertegenwoordigd zijn. Als koster is het mij een keer overkomen, dat ik eerst de ouderling van het aardappelveld moest halen, waardoor de inzegening een uur later plaatsvond.

Ook dit zetten we op dezelfde wijze voort in Canada. Dit werd door Ds. Gritter echter ook anders gezien. Hij zei: "Broeders, dit is geen kerkdienst, het is gewoon een familie-aangelegenheid waar het paar in Gods huis de Zegen des Heren vraagt over hun huwelijk. Dit had eerst nogal wat voeten in de aarde, maar ook daarin is wijziging gebracht. Wel is er vaak een ouderling aanwezig om namens kerkeraad en gemeente de huwelijksbijbel aan te bieden.

Een collecte wordt niet meer gehouden. Onkosten voor de organist enz. zijn voor rekening van het gehuwde paar.

Ik hoop, meneer de redacteur, dat u dit wilt opnemen in *Calvinist Contact*. Dit is nu de gewoonte van beide CRCs in Strathroy. Bij voorbaat dank.

Met broeder-groeten,

J. Tamming Sr.,
Strathroy, Ont.

P.S. Ik hoop dat u mijn schrift kunt lezen, mijn hand, bijna 83 jaar oud, is niet meer zo stevig.

Laat uw licht schijnen

J.A. Ader-Appels

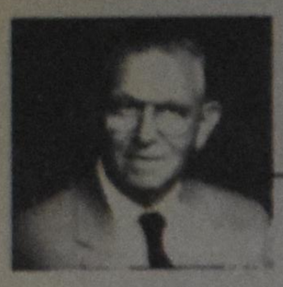
Gij hebt nu een stukje preek van hem gelezen en wanneer gij hem persoonlijk gekend hebt of wel eens gehoord hebt, dan hoort gij hem hierin weer tot u spreken. Ook hierin was hij een volgeling van zijn Meester, dat hij het niet zocht in ingewikkelde theorieën, maar dat hij altijd zoo trachtte te preeken, dat iedereen het kon begrijpen, ook "de schare die de wet niet kende" zooals men in Jezus' dagen zei. Wij zouden zeggen: "de buitenkerkelijken." Zijn beelden waren, evenals die van zijn Meester, eenvoudig en ontleend aan het dagelijksch leven. Op jonge menschen had — en heeft — hij een zeer grooten, blijvenden invloed.

"Weest daders van het Woord," zegt Paulus. En Jezus waarschuwt ons, niet alleen maar te zeggen "Heere Heere." Niet een ieder die zegt: "Heere Heere," zal het Koninkrijk Gods binnengaan, maar die daar *doet* den wil Mijns Vaders."

Hoe zwaar die eisch is en hoe duur ons christendom ons komt te staan als wij er ernst mee maken, is in den tijd die achter ons ligt, wel gebleken. Want daar zijn vele verzoekingen. Ook voor den predikant. Daar is de verzoeking van het "carriere maken." Ook voor den dominee. En zeker voor den begaafden dominee.

Daar ligt een, naar aantal inwoners kleine, doch uitgestrekte Gemeente, in het Groningerland, wier verste polders tot aan den Dollard reiken. Daar waren de menschen bijna vergeten dat er nog zooiets als een Kerk bestaat. Door allerlei oorzaken is dat daar zoo geworden. Door Domela Nieuwenhuis die daar spreekbeurten kwam houden en de menschen de oogen opende voor de *theorie* en de *practijk* van het christendom; door de groote tegenstellingen van arbeiders en boeren en door de vijandigheid die daardoor ontstond; maar misschien nog wel het meest door de ontrouw der dienaren der Kerk zelf. De Kerk had volkomen het respect van de bevolking verloren. Daar had zij het ook naar gemaakt. En nu lag daar dan in het hooge Noordoosten van ons land, "aan 't voutenende" zeggen de menschen daar, deze onbetaalde rekening der Kerk.

Niemand behoeft het te ambieeren om daar als dominee beroepen te worden. Het werk is er zwaar en



Onder de streep

John Van Harmelen

In Christus is noch west noch oost

John Oxenham (geboren te Manchester, nov. 12, 1852, overleden te London, Engeland, jan. 24, 1941) is de dichter van dit bekende gezang. John Oxenham is de "nom de plume" van William Arthur Dunkerly.

Hij bezocht de Old Trafford School en de Victoria Universiteit te Manchester. Daarna ging hij bij zijn vader in de zaak werken. De groothandel bracht hem op het vasteland van Europa, en ook in Noord Amerika. Na een paar jaar in Amerika te hebben gereisd voor de zaak kwam hij terug in Engeland en werd hij de uitgever van de Londense editie van de Detroit Free Press.

Zijn vroeger literair werk, uitgegeven onder zijn schuilnaam, was zo goed ontvangen dat hij zich nu geheel ging wijden aan het schrijven onder deze pseudonym Oxenham. Hij publiceerde meer dan veertig romans en twintig andere boeken met proza en poëzie.

Hij was een toegewijd Christen en diende de gemeente van de Ealing Congregational Church als diaken en leider van een Bijbelklas.

Hij maakt het ons gemakkelijk iets over het door hem geschreven gedicht te zeggen, want hij zegt er zelf van dat deze hymn was geschreven als een gedeelte van het grootse schouwspel 'Duisternis en licht.' Dit pageant bleek de hoofdattractie te zijn op de grote tentoonstelling "De Orient in London" in juni 1908. London's Zendingsgenootschap was er de sponsor van.

John Oxenham werd gevraagd de tekst van het programma te verzorgen. Harris L. McCunn zou het op passende muziek zetten en Hugh Moss zou voor het toneel zorgen. Het werd een maand lang vertoond aan het publiek in de Agricultural Hall, en een kwart miljoen mensen bezochten deze Hall. De vier secties waren Noord-Amerika, Afrika, de Stille-Zuidzee en Voor-Indië. "Geen oost of west" werd in de laatstgenoemde gevonden.

De krant zei er dit van: "U kreeg er een levendig idee van, dat personen die zendeling willen worden een zekere heldenmoed moeten bezitten, toen u zag dat zij binnendrongen in de bevroren landen van het noorden en de nog onbekende en onbetreden diepten van donker Afrika.

Het was door de tentoonstelling gemakkelijker te verwerkelijken wat Mr. Winston Churchill, in zijn toespraak bij de opening van de exhibition, meende toen hij sprak over "het beschavende en veredelende werk van de zendelingen die als motief voor hun arbeid gedreven worden door hun ijver om de barbaarse en bijgelovige harten van de heidenen te winnen voor onderwerping aan de heerschappij van Christus."

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In Christ there is no East or West
John Oxenham 1980
Jeremiah Clarke, 1709

1. In Christ there is no East or West,
In Him no South or North;
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

2. In Him shall true hearts ev'rywhere
Their high communion find
His service is the golden cord
Close binding all mankind.

3. Join hands then, brothers of the faith,
Whate'er your race may be:
Who serves my Father as a son
is surely kin to me.

4. In Christ now meet both East and West
In Him meet South and North
All Christly souls are one in Him
Throughout the whole wide earth.

De melodie werd gecomponeerd door Alexander R. Reinagle. Hij noemde de melodie St. Peter, naar de naam van de kerk waar hij organist was: St.-Peter-in-the-East, Oxford! De hymn werd eerst gedrukt in Oxenham's Bees in Amber (1913). De hymn is een bewerking van de coupletten drie, vijf en zes van Thomas Cotterill's hymn "Blest with the presence of their God."

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De tentoonstelling was een groot succes. Van 1908-1914 werd the pageant hier en daar vertoond in Engeland en de United States. Rev. Dugald Macfadyen, neef (oomzegger) van John Oxenham werd belast met de uitvoering van een groot schouwspel waarin aan het publiek getoond werd de zegen die God gegeven had op het zendingswerk in de wereld. Duizenden moesten de overwinning van Christus over Satan zien.

Macfadyen vroeg aan zijn oom John Oxenham om zijn medewerking. Tenslotte bleek dat John Oxenham "did the book." Hij verzorgde de gehele tekst en liet zich leiden door Galaten 3:28 "Daarin is niet Jood, noch Griek, daarin is niet dienstknecht, noch vrije, daarin is niet mannelijk, en vrouwelijk: want gij zijt allen één in Christus."

Tot die tekst behoorde ook de hymn waarin over "no east or west" gesproken wordt.

Deze hymn werd gezongen bij de opening van de wereldraad der kerken te Evanston in Amerika op 15 augustus 1954 als een boodschap dat er geen spanningen behoren te bestaan tussen oost en west, tussen zuid en noord enz.

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Een groot koor

Prof. Dr. Kenneth W. Osbeck vertelt ons in zijn boek *101 Hymn Stories* de volgende gebeurtenis:

Een interessant verhaal wordt ons verteld over een voorval dat plaatsvond gedurende de tweede wereldoorlog. Twee schepen lagen voor anker. Het ene schip bemand met Japanse soldaten, het andere met Amerikaanse. Zij wachtten op hun repatriëring. De eerste dag stonden ze aan de reling en keken naar elkaar. Plotseling begon er één te zingen: "In Christ there is no East or West." Van het andere schip stemde één er mee in. Al gauw was er een groot koor bestaande uit vroegere vijanden die nu God met elkaar prezen.

John Van Harmelen is emeritus predikant van de Christian Reformed Church.

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ondankbaar. Men ziet er aanvankelijk geen of weinig vrucht. De kerk blijft jarenlang leeg. Het is een holle ruimte met 400 zitplaatsen. Ruim 150 jaar geleden moest ze nog vergroot worden wegens gebrek aan plaatsruimte. Toen kwam de "Aufklarung," met "verlichte" dominees.

Die wisten met Paschen nergens beter over te preeken dan over "Het nut van vroeg opstaan," want de vrouwen gingen op dien eersten dag der week heel vroeg naar het graf en dat was zoo "nuttig." Een kerkdienst werd een Nutslezing en bovendien nog een slechte. "Doar goa 'k nait meer noar tou," zeiden de menschen, en ze hadden gelijk. Ook het catechetisch onderwijs werd grondig vernield. Na een les in bijbelsche geschiedenis trok dominee zijn jas aan, vroeg lachend: "Gelooven jullie het? Ik niet, hoor!" ... en verdween. Ware wolven in schaapskleederen, die het kerkelijk leven meer hebben afgebroken en tot een aanfluiting gemaakt dan welke andere invloed ook. "Die dominees vertellen leugens die ze zelf niet gelooven en strijken daar nog geld voor op bovendien," zegt de nuchtere Groninger. Trouwens, welk weldenkend mensch kan nog eenig respect hebben voor zulke practijken? En de kinderen, die op een dergelijke manier "catechetisch onderwijs" ontvingen, zijn de arbeiders van nu. Zij hebben zich door de Kerk zelf bedrogen gevoeld en er is heel wat voor noodig, om te heelen wat in een kinderziel werd verkracht. Vandaar Jezus' streng oordeel "Wie een van deze kleinen die in Mij gelooven ergert ... het ware hem beter, dat hem een molensteen om den hals gebonden ware en hij in de diepte der zee verzonken ware."

Bovendien werkt hier de invloed van het materialisme onder boeren en arbeiders veel langer na dan elders in den lande.

(Wordt vervolgd)

In memoriam 20 nov. 1944. Ds. B.J. Ader.

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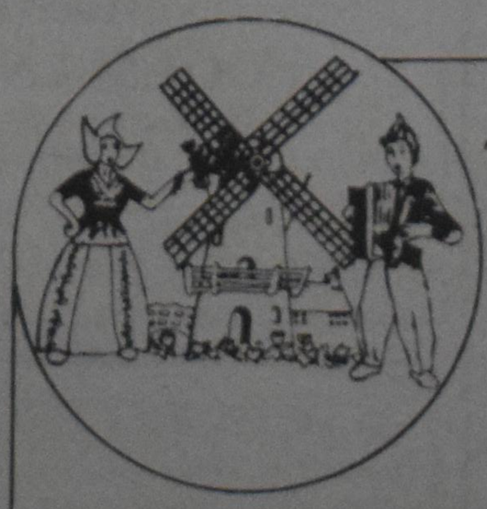

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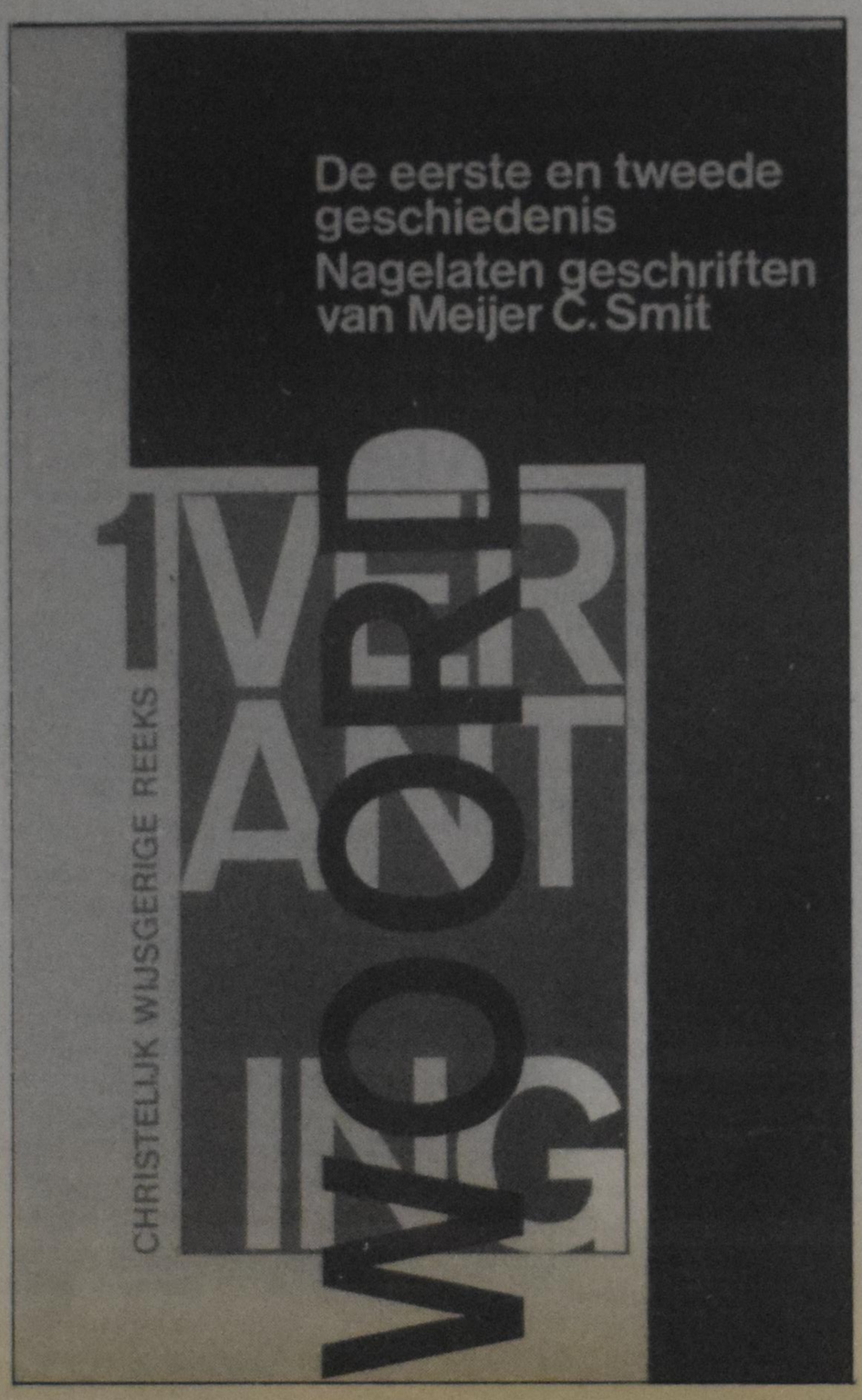
Philosophy of history

As exciting as a detective novel

J. Klapwijk editor, De eerste en tweede geschiedenis, Nagelaten geschriften van Meijer C. Smit. With an afterword by Sander Griffioen and a complete bibliography prepared by Harry van Dyke. Amsterdam: Buijten & Schipperheijn with Stichting voor Reformatorische Wijsbegeerte, 1987. 239 pp., 39.50 Dutch guilders. Reviewed by Cal Seerveld, Toronto, Ontario.



This is a fascinating collection of articles by the late Reformational philosopher of history at the Free University of Amsterdam, Meijer C.Smit (1911-1981). Editor Klapwijk has collected the earlier published articles of Smit, "Het goddelijk geheim in de geschiedenis" (1955), "Cultuur en heil" (1959) and "De tijd der geschiedenis." (1968)

But most interesting are the edited presentations of other articles put together from handwritten, partially unfinished manuscripts, which give Smit's candid, critical judgments on contemporary philosophers of history. Christian thinkers like Butterfield, Marrou and others, and which reveal Smit's attempts to think through how a historian should relate God's hand in history to our actual historical writing of events.

Fascinating notes

Editorial notes illuminate the text, for example, pointing to Smit's debate with Dooyeweerd on whether history is "aspectual" (p. 142 n. 13), and to Smit's struggles to overcome a possible "duality" in Herbert Butterfield's relating of God's providence to historical facts. (p. 178 n. 28) Klapwijk's account of marginalia in the manuscripts, Smit's tribute to Dilthey (p. 203 n. 37) and his underlining of Karl Vossler's book *Geschichte als Sinn* (p. 206 n. 54), make this collection of writings as exciting as a detective novel.

This collection of articles shows the process, the struggle of ideas and the unfinished vitality that comes with a movement of Christian scholarship which is trying to be obedient to the Lord in academic work. "Modern secular man or woman (graduate students) is not usually helped so much by over-simplified, pious answers," writes editor Klapwijk. (p. 7) Philosophically responsible, straight-forward Christian wrestling with our complicated cultural world may give more hope to those who are lost. Smit's erudite essays try to do that in the field of philosophy of history.

Reflections on the man

Sander Griffioen's "Afterword" (chapter 10) is a model of gentle but critical, personal and at the same time professional, reflection on the man Meijer Cornelis Smit and his attempt to be biblically faithful in scholarship. Smit's respect for Augustine and for Vollenhoven's work is carefully noted. Smit like Dooyeweerd combatted *historicism*. Yet Smit recognized the deep-going historicality of everything.

The solution Smit struggled to formulate was the transcendental rootage of ordinary happenings in their successive continuity *(tweede geschiedenis* or "response history" cs) with the Godly Source ordering of history (*eerste geschiedenis*, or "primordial history" cs.)

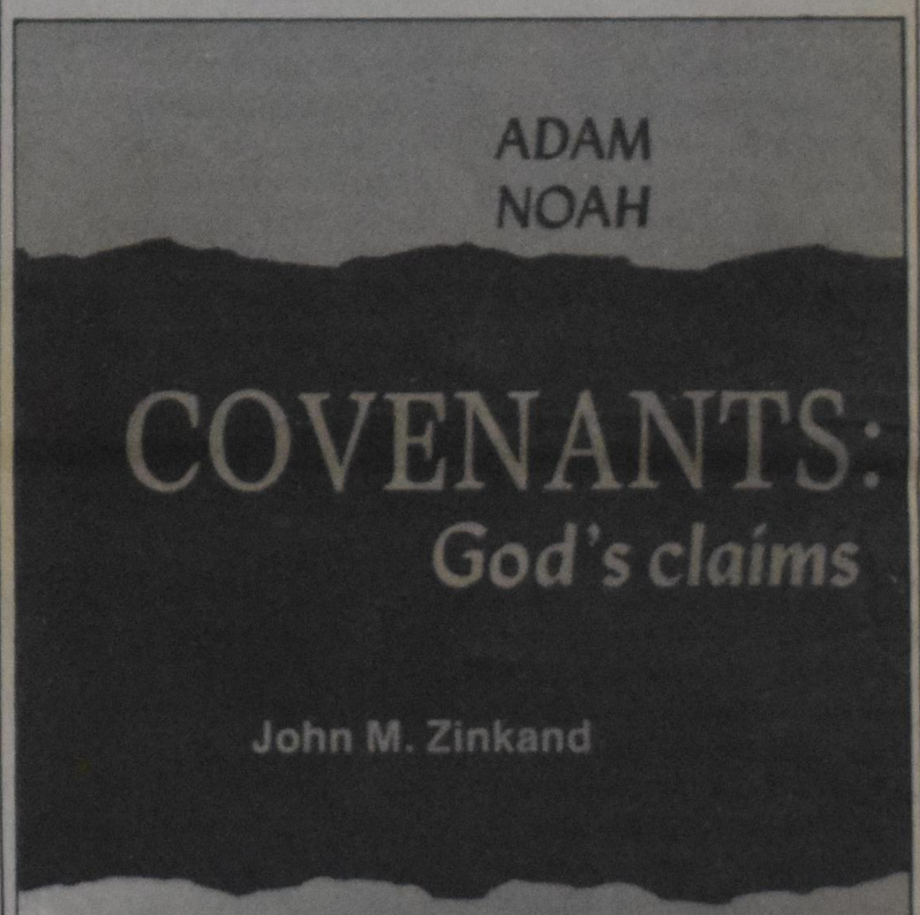
In Griffioen's judgment, Smit's work is not completed; but maybe the careful, probing Christian thought Smit brought this far will encourage a new generation of historians and philosophers to carry the work further.

The munificent Smit library which was given on permanent loan to the Institute for Christian Studies after his death is available for use by students of cultural history and philosophy of history in Toronto.

This book is the first in a series of books to be called *Verantwoording*, a sequel to the earlier *Christelijk Perspectief* series put out by Buijten & Schipperheijn. Price per book for series subscribers is 31.50 Dutch guilders.

Theology

Biblical teaching on covenant



Covenants: God's Claims, by John M. Zinkand. Dordt College Press, 1984. Paperback. 113 pages. Reviewed by Robert VanderVennen.

If you want a simple handbook giving the Bible's teaching about covenants, this is it. The author first explains the word "covenant" in terms of a metaphor, a literary figure of speech in which God's relations with His people are likened to the formal, stylized treaties the ancient kings made with their subjects.

Then a series of short chapters recount the covenants God made with Adam, Noah, Abraham, Levi, Moses and David. In the following chapters we see how each of these covenants is fulfilled in Christ. There follows a discussion of the "new covenant" found in the book of Hebrews and a summary of the characteristic language associated with covenants.

The book is written in clear, non-technical language. Its emphasis is on biblical history, and it bears the marks of being written by a teacher rather than a preacher.

Dr. Zinkand is a biblical scholar who has taught Greek and theology at Dordt College from 1969-1986. He now teaches at the Reformed Theological College of Nigeria.

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